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IMPEACHMENT HEARING UPDATE

Nonexistent report stalls hearing

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REPORTER

Special Committee on Impeachment members spent hours yesterday arguing about a report or a “mysterious document” that later turned out to be nonexistent as the eighth day of the impeachment hearings zeroed in again on the government’s sole-source award of a \$392,406 ARRA management contract to a just resigned Cabinet member in 2010.

» **Impeachment panel seeks one more week**

At the same time, committee chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said yesterday afternoon he will be asking House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) for a one-week extension of up to Oct. 19 to complete its report and recommendation to the full House.

The committee is reviewing a resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty, including the no-bid ARRA management contract.

Vice speaker Felicidad Ogu-moro (Cov-Saipan) repeatedly asked Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback about a 2010 conversation between Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan and OPA investigator Juanette Atalig, and an OPA report on its investigation of the sole-source ARRA contract award.

Hasselback repeatedly told Ogu-moro and the

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SENATORIAL DEBATE

Saipan senatorial candidate Illuminanda Bermudes, left, answers a questions, while her opponents Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), center, and former representative Ana S. Teregeyo, right, prepare for their answers during Wednesday night’s senatorial debate hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Incumbent Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) did not make it to the debate for medical reasons. Candidates were asked nine questions including their position on a pending resolution to impeach Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, sole-source procurement, healthcare services, high utility costs, education and Article 12 or the land alienation provision of the NMI Constitution.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial administers the oath of office to now Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro as his wife, Carmen, holds up the Bible at the Office of the Governor yesterday, Oct. 11, 2012.

CNMI has new chief justice

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» **Fitial swears in Castro right after Senate confirmation**

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial swore into office Alexandro C. Castro as the CNMI’s fourth Supreme Court chief justice, following the Senate’s confirmation of his nomination by a 6-0 vote in a packed Senate chamber yesterday.

Castro, in his brief remarks before the Senate, said he and his wife Carmen and their families on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian are

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Senate says line-item veto of budget bill ‘unconstitutional’

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» **Senators could override, bring matter to court**

Senators described as “unconstitutional” Gov. Benigno R. Fitial’s line-item veto of the fiscal year 2013 budget bill provision on a \$200,000 retroactive salary payment for Rota workers, and were thinking yesterday of whether to take the matter to court or override the veto if the governor does not reconsider his action.

The senators were citing a five-page legal opinion penned by Senate counsel Antonette R. Villagomez stating that Fitial’s line item veto of the \$200,000 earmarked for Public Law 7-31 salary adjustments is “an unconstitutional veto of a condition/restriction of an appropriation bill as written and thus a nullity.”

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Local

Injunction issue vs Farrell found moot

The need to issue an injunction against Don A. Farrell has become moot in light of his resignation as commissioner of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, according to Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday.

"In other words there is no conduct which needs to be enjoined," said Camacho in his order denying a motion for preliminary injunction filed by Reynaldo M. Cing and Patrick A. Manglona.

"The court expects citizens to obey the law—the defendants in this case are no different," the judge said.

The judge issued the order shortly after hearing the parties' oral arguments yesterday afternoon.

Attorneys Ramon Quichocho and Michael N. Evangelista appeared on behalf of Cing and Manglona. Attorney Sean Frink appeared as counsel for Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz and Farrell.

Dela Cruz appointed Farrell to a full six-year term as gaming commissioner on Sept. 4, 2012. On Oct. 4, 2012, Farrell resigned. Dela Cruz accepted the resignation effective that same day.

In plaintiffs' motion, Quichocho argued that the court should grant a preliminary injunction stopping Farrell from performing any duties as a gaming commissioner pending the resolution and final disposition of the case.

Quichocho said the court should also stop the defendants from further appointing and confirming gaming commissioners pending the final disposition of the case.

He said the issue is not moot because Farrell can easily rescind his resignation letter.

"We should stop this sovereign mayor! He's stronger than the court. That's scary. Are we going to wait for another illegal act?" Quichocho asked.

Frink argued that the injunction has been rendered moot by Farrell's resignation. He said

there is no further reason to enjoin Farrell as he no longer serves in the position of gaming commissioner.

Frink said the second request for injunction to prohibit possible future illegal activity is unsupported by any allegations in the complaint or the motion.

Frink said it is speculative at best as there is no basis to conclude that such activities will likely, or even may, take place.

"The bottom line is there's no illegal activity to enjoin with," the lawyer stressed.

In their lawsuit, plaintiffs Cing and Manglona asked the court to declare the appointment and confirmation of Farrell as illegal and unethical, and therefore null and void.

The plaintiffs also asked the court to declare that Dela Cruz violated the Government Ethics Code Act when he appointed his brother-in-law Farrell to serve as a commissioner on the Gaming Commission.

Cing and Manglona filed the lawsuit against Farrell, Dela Cruz, Tinian Department of Public Works deputy director and 13th Tinian Municipal Council members Estevan P. Cabrera, and Joseph SN. Cruz.

Yesterday, the plaintiffs filed a notice to dismiss from the lawsuit Cabrera and Joseph Cruz with prejudice and without prejudice, respectively.

Last month, Camacho granted plaintiffs' request for a temporary restraining order to stop Farrell from performing as gaming commissioner. (*Ferdie De La Torre*)

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Wiseman upset over 75-minute wait for attorney

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman was upset yesterday over a 75-minute wait for a lawyer and set a new hearing date in Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's motion to dismiss a lawsuit that questioned the legality of a \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

"The court must reiterate a longstanding policy of the Superior Court, and in particular, of this court of not allowing attorneys, either arbitrarily or collectively, to arrange, rearrange, or alter the court's schedule without the court's concurrence," Wiseman said in an order.

He said that Ramon K. Quichocho, the lawyer representing the Senate and Reps. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) was well aware that it had two major motion arguments at the same time that were set in advance.

He said that Quichocho had ample opportunity to make some type of arrangements, rather than a five-minute notice.

The short notice, Wiseman said, resulted in him, the parties in the lawsuit, and others involved in the case to wait for 75 minutes.

"Attorneys practicing before this court are placed on notice that the court will not tolerate such attempts to alter the court's schedule," Wiseman stressed.

Fitial's motion to dismiss and the governor's official immunity issue were set yesterday at 1:30pm for oral argument.

A few minutes prior to the hearing to commence, Quichocho notified the court's clerk that he was double set in Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's courtroom.

In his order yesterday afternoon, Wiseman said there was no previous notification to him, as is usual in such circumstance, in order that the parties may agree to another date or time and allow him to reschedule the matter.

"This was not done. The

court waited until 2:45pm at which time defendants' requested to continue this matter to the original date of Oct. 25, 2012," Wiseman said.

The judge granted the defendants' request, but will hear the motion instead on Oct. 18 at 1:30pm.

The Senate and Reps. Maratita and Yumul are suing

Fitial, former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, Com-

monwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC to

stop the 25-year power purchase agreement.

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Some of Fitial's travel costs without supporting docs

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Some of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's off-island travel costs were without supporting documents such as airline boarding passes, car rental receipts, restaurant receipts, or the name of dignitaries he hosted in claiming so-called "official representation" costs, based on Department of Finance documents.

For example, in a July 5-22, 2011, trip to San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Utah, San Diego, and Los Angeles, the governor spent a total of \$12,092.58 in air fare and per diem, plus \$1,134.14 for official

representation.

However, in his travel report to Finance, the governor did not have supporting documents such as boarding pass, car rental receipt, and justification for the official representation.

In an Aug. 31 to Sept. 9, 2011, trip to New Caledonia, the governor spent \$17,064 in air fare, per diem and official representation. Again, there was no justification for the \$500 official representation.

Fitial's trips within and outside the CNMI cost taxpayers at least \$124,399 between October 2007 and early August 2012—an average of almost \$25,000 a year.

But this may not be the full amount and is only based on Finance's account ledger print that has yet to be cross-checked with almost 2-inch thick travel vouchers and travel authorizations, among other things.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the annual average of \$24,880 is a "conservative amount" and that the Fitial administration "is proud of its record of having the lowest official representation expenses in our Commonwealth's history."

Still, some lawmakers want to know how much has been claimed as "official representation" or already included in the "per diem" rate.

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rest of the panel that he would have to check with the OPA investigator about that specific conversation and any document, if any, from that event.

He also pointed out that he was not with OPA at the time that conversation took place.

Hasselback said the Interior's Office of Inspector General conducted a joint investigation with OPA on the matter, and the OIG released a report. OPA did not release a report and Hasselback said there's no telling whether OPA will produce one.

"The evidence that Agent [David] House gathered is sufficient and admissible in CNMI Superior Court. The evidence gathered by Agent House is sufficient to establish beyond reasonable doubt that Mr. [Ed] Buckingham violated CNMI law. That is why I filed criminal charges against Mr. Buckingham," Hasselback told the committee. He said the investigation on the former attorney general continues.

'Badgering the witness'

Still, Ogomoro and Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), both Fitial allies, were not satisfied, with Fred Deleon Guerrero raising his voice when he told Hasselback that he "should know if your people go down to do things."

Moments later, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said that Fred Deleon Guerrero "is beginning to badger" the witness. Fred Deleon Guerrero said he's not.

"Sir, I want to ask quickly, are you insinuating that I'm not telling the truth today?" Hasselback asked Fred Deleon Guerrero, who said "no."

Article 16 of the impeachment resolution makes no mention of an OPA report, but of an Interior's Office of Inspector General report that found evidence suggesting that the contract to Integrated Professional Solutions violated multiple CNMI ethics laws, among other things.

Still, Ogomoro said the committee has every right to see an OPA report that says what or how CNMI laws were violated.

Hasselback pointed to the Interior's OIG report.

After a few more exchanges, Joe Deleon Guerrero asked Ogomoro to take a deep breath and ask questions one at a time and allow the witness to answer the questions one at a time.

Mysterious document

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) said the panel has gone back and forth arguing about what he termed a "mysterious document" that Public Auditor Michael Pai early yesterday morning and later on Hasselback told the committee said they will confirm with their staff.

The Impeachment Committee chair,

in addressing the matter of the mysterious document or report, said he too wishes that every document he has asked for be provided.

"I wish that those log sheets at the Department of Corrections, of missing torn pages, can be provided to this body. Unfortunately it has not. What can I do about that? I wish that the video footages at the Department of Corrections were made available to this body. They said the videos are inoperable. I'm not going to demand that it be made operable at the time the inmate was released from detention. There's nothing I can do. Despite all these limitations, we have to do and make...our best and most informed decision based on what we have," Joe Deleon Guerrero said.

He was referring to other allegations in the impeachment resolution referring to the temporary release of a federal inmate in January 2010 to give the governor an early morning massage at his private residence.

Corrections officials said the prison video was inoperable and prison logbooks were missing so they could not provide these to the committee.

The impeachment hearings continue today and Monday. After that, the committee will work on their report and recommendation to the full House of Representatives. This is the first time in CNMI history that hearings related to a resolution impeaching the governor are being conducted.

Two arrested for beating up teen

A driver of an alleged illegal taxi and his male companion beat up and threatened to kill a teen passenger in Tanapag on Sunday morning, police said.

Ji Jing Borja and Han Tai Lin were arrested Tuesday afternoon for assault with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, assault, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Their bail was set yesterday at \$11,750 cash each.

Police detective Josef P. Deleon Guerrero stated in his report that officers were dispatched to a residence in Tanapag on Sunday at 11:18am for an alleged disturbance.

The juvenile claimed that he called an illegal taxi to pick him up at Chacha Oceanview Junior High School in Kagman on his way to his girlfriend's house in Tanapag. Before even reaching the Sara Market on Capital Hill, the driver asked for payment for the ride.

When the juvenile explained that he was going to get the money from his girlfriend, the driver allegedly got mad and pulled a screwdriver and threatened to kill him.

Instead of going to Tanapag, the taxi brought him to Middle Road and then to Garapan where the driver picked up the other suspect.

The driver threatened to throw the juvenile off Banzai Cliff and repeatedly punched him in the face.

When they later reached Chalan Pale Arnold Highway in Tanapag, the taxi slowed down because of a truck in front of them. The juvenile managed to jump out of the taxi and ran to his girlfriend's house where he sought the police's help.

A police officer later spotted the taxi, leading to the arrest of the suspects. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

SENATE

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Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) sought clarification on the legal aspect of the governor's line-item veto, and suggested a Senate override of the governor's veto or bring the matter to court.

Rather than bring the matter to court, Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) suggested that the Senate write a letter to the governor expressing its concern about the line-item veto and attach a copy of the Senate legal opinion pointing to its unconstitutionality.

"This is our problem. We don't communicate with the Executive Branch. We should begin the healing process," Reyes said, adding that the money spent on bringing this matter to court could be better spent on the hospital and the NMI Retirement Fund, among other things.

Reyes clarified that he supports giving the retroactive salary payments to Rota workers who have been waiting for it since the 7th Legislature.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), during yesterday's session, said there are three ways the Senate will address the matter: Write a letter

to the governor, override the line-item veto, or submit a certified question to court.

Manglona said if during the next session and the governor has not heeded the Senate request to reconsider his line-item veto, the Senate may have to override veto or bring it to court.

"This [budget law that was line-item vetoed] is a product of a joint conference committee. Yet he chose to veto it," Manglona said.

The governor, in his message to the Legislature in signing the \$114-million 2013 budget, said the section about the Rota retroactive salary payment "fails to include any form of accountability as to how many government employees are owed and how much each is owed." He then disapproved this provision.

Manglona said the Department of Finance has the records.

"To say there is no process [of accounting] is not an excuse. If there's no satisfactory response from the governor, we will make a make a motion to override. The House understands that because they approved this [budget bill]," he said.

The Fitial administration has yet to comment on the Senate's decision, as of last night.

JUSTICE

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"forever humbled and forever grateful" for Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos's nomination and the Senate's confirmation.

"I will provide my utmost to maintain the rule of law in our island communities and try my very best under these trying times to keep the doors of justice open at all times," Castro told the Senate and the crowd in the chamber and gallery.

Castro will serve an eight-year term.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, read his panel report recommending full Senate confirmation of Castro's nomination.

Minutes later, all the six senators voted "yes" to the Senate EAGI Committee report.

Besides Cruz, the other senators present and who voted "yes" to Castro's confirmation were Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota). Excused from the session were Sens. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

Castro's confirmation comes about a year since he started serving as acting chief justice after the late chief justice Miguel S. Demapan resigned due to health reasons on Sept. 30, 2011.

'Historic, honorable day'

The Fitial administration described Castro's confirmation and swearing in as an "honorable day in the Commonwealth's history," while the Supreme Court said it marked a "historic day for the Judiciary."

Castro is only the fourth individual to hold the chief justice post in the CNMI, the CNMI Supreme Court said. The first three were Jose S. Dela Cruz (1989-1995), Marty W.K. Taylor (1995-1998), and Miguel S. Demapan (1998-2011).

After the Senate confirmation, Castro proceeded to the Office of the Governor for his swearing-in.

Fitial administered the oath of office to Castro while his wife Carmen held the Bible with two of their sons in a ceremony attended by family, friends, magistrates, and Judiciary staffers.

The governor said his decision to nominate Castro was made shortly after Demapan vacated the position.

"However, at the request of Chief Justice Castro, I delayed his official appointment until just last month, when he returned from off-island," Fitial said.

A pending resolution impeaching the governor for 16 allegations of felony, corruption, and neglect of duty includ-

ed his failure to nominate a chief justice from October 2011 up to at least the pre-filing of the impeachment resolution on Aug. 27, 2012.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), main author of House Resolution 17-111, said the governor's nomination of Castro "does not remedy" the allegation of neglect of duty against Fitial by not appointing a chief justice more than 90 days since the post was vacated in October 2011 up until Aug. 27, 2012.

'Thank you'

A statement from the administration said that Castro expressed his appreciation to Fitial and Inos for their confidence in him to lead the Judiciary in the years to come.

"He also recognized his close family friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lifofoi and executive assistant for Carolinian Affairs Angie Iginoef-Mangarero and her husband, Manny, for their support

of his nomination to serve as chief justice. Others who graced the ceremony included first lady Josie Fitial, Presiding Judge Robert Naraja and Associate Judge Perry Inos," the statement said.

The administration said Castro also recognized the governor for authoring legislation to strengthen the qualifications for attorneys general, judges, and justices during the governor's earlier term in the Legislature.

"Today is truly a great day for the Judiciary and the Commonwealth as a whole. I am tremendously confident that Chief Justice Castro will duly continue the great works of his predecessors toward improving the Judiciary and further strengthening the justice system for all our citizens. Chief Justice Castro is not just the best candidate to fill this very important position. He is the right choice," Fitial said.

Castro came to the CNMI Supreme Court bench on July 9, 1998. Seven years later or in 2005, voters retained him.

Decision on immediate jeopardy status seen in two weeks

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The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will decide the fate of the Commonwealth Health Center's accreditation with the national agency in a week or two after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. submits more evidence it is rectifying all deficiencies identified during a recent visit, according to CEO Juan N. Babauta yesterday.

Babauta, along with key corporation officials and members, spent more than an hour yesterday talking with the Medicare team via teleconference. The

conversation centered on the immediate jeopardy status slapped on the public hospital.

Making up the Medicare team were chief spokesperson Edgardo Japitana, Renie Soria, and Linda Brim. The corporation was represented by Babauta, board chair Joaquin Torres, COO Esther Muna, hospital administrator Karen Buettner, and five other staff.

Babauta said they reviewed the current status of the three immediate jeopardy citations against CHC involving the health and safety of patients. Medicare imposed the immediate jeopardy status on CHC last



Babauta

Sept. 18 and gave it 23 days to correct the infractions.

These immediate jeopardy

statuses include the lack of defibrillators in critical units of the hospital; deficiencies in supplies in the laboratory unit, lack of specimen testing, tracking and accountability; and concerns over its malfunctioning CT scanner and a broken portable x-ray unit.

In yesterday's teleconference, Babauta said the corporation's special committee gave Medicare all the answers to questions and concerns raised in the citations and in the series of meetings held during and after their site visit

in the week of Sept. 17.

Additionally, the committee presented evidence of actions taken and gave specific information on other concerns raised during the teleconference, according to the CEO.

"CHCC will continue to provide other evidence of completion or steps taken to correct any issues such as certification of equipment being repaired or replaced and development of policies and procedures for tracking, training, and accounting for all equipment in radiology and dietary units (dishwasher, garbage

disposal, etc.), the purchase of a fluoroscope, which provides for real time imaging during surgery, chiller, walk-in freezer, the nonfunctioning elevators, and the like," said Babauta.

He said these documents will be submitted to CMS today, Oct. 12.

Babauta said that Medicare will report all these matters to its regional director for the Western Pacific Region. "We anticipate a decision by CMS on the immediate jeopardy status to be made within a week or two," he added.

Jury finds Hamilton not guilty of theft, forgery

A Superior Court jury has found a woman accused of stealing and forging four of her former employer's checks not guilty of the charges.

After deliberating for less than three hours, the six jurors unanimously found 36-year-old Paula Jane S. Hamilton not guilty of all 12 charges.

Hamilton burst into tears after a court staff read the verdict at 3:15pm. She later hugged her counsel, Joaquin Torres, and her crying mother. Many family members and friends were in the court's gallery.

Hamilton refused to speak to the media.

In a later interview, Torres said they're very happy with the verdict. "The verdict was all not guilty against Miss Hamilton. We

believe in the system. We trust the system and we believe in the jury's results," Torres said.

Assistant attorney general Chemere K. McField said that, although they believe they had the evidence to prove that Hamilton committed the crimes, they respect the judicial system and the jury's verdict.

Assistant attorney general Jacinta Kaipat assisted McField in the trial that began Tuesday. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho presided.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, Hamilton stole and forged four checks belonging to Seafix Inc. The checks have amounts of \$978.46; \$962.42; \$986.41; and \$827.43. She pleaded not guilty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Pretty Kitchen launches lunch buffet



JESSIE PAGSINOHIN
Pretty Kichen recently launched its daily lunch buffet at affordable prices. Inset shows Weidong Guo, owner of Pretty Kitchen and other Pretty establishments on island, and his friend Norman Xing, who manages Pretty Vitamins.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

If you're looking for a new dining spot on island, head out to Pretty Kitchen in Garapan,



which recently launched its delicious lunch buffet.

The lunch buffet is from 11:30am to 1pm. On weekdays, the buffet costs only \$8.99, inclusive of one drink. The weekend lunch buffet features a seafood theme for only \$12.99, also inclusive of one drink.

Children 3 to 12 years old get a half-price discount while children below 3 years eat for free.



Restaurant owner Weidong Guo said their lunch buffet boasts of the finest fusion of Chinese, local, and international cuisines prepared by a highly skilled cook from China.

Restaurant patrons can enjoy favorite Chinese dishes such as seafood chowsuey, sweet and sour pork, spare ribs barbecue, garlic patchay, and beef noodles, among many other menu items.

The island's newest dining hotspot has a limited seating capacity, so customers are encouraged to call 233-8588 to ensure seats.

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Election body expects slight increase in absentee voters

» 1,500 absentee voters so far registered for mid-term polls

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The Commonwealth Election Commission expects a slight increase in the number of absentee voters in this year's mid-term elections, having recorded a total of 1,500 registered absentee voters as of Wednesday.

Absentee voters have until today, Oct. 12, to send in their requests for absentee ballots through mail and e-mail. The commission is required to entertain such requests up to 25 days before the election.

This year's mid-term polls is on Nov. 6.

Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that an

estimated 1,500 absentee voters are recorded every election year in the Commonwealth.

As of Oct. 10, the agency has already registered a total of 1,500 absentee voters—a day prior to the Oct. 12 deadline.

Commission records show that the bulk of absentee voters come from Rota with 623 absentee voters as of Wednesday, while Tinian has 337.

Saipan posted a total of 540 absentee voters. These are from the following villages: San Antonio, 47; San Vicente, 133; Koblerville, 30; Chalan Kanoa, 38; Oleai, 22; Garapan, 122; Tanapag, 18; San Roque, 22; Capital Hill, 23; Kagman, 86; and Northern Islands, 0.

Guerrero said the commis-

sion is still processing over 100 absentee ballot requests that the agency has yet to include in the total absentee figures on the agency's website.

He said the 1,500 absentee voters are a significant percentage of the overall registered voters in the Commonwealth, which has a total of 16,774 voters as of Oct. 10.

The total number of registered voters may still change as the commission deletes individual voters who are convicted felons or have died.

According to Guerrero, absentee voters play a pivotal role in every election year. In the 2009 election, for example, 25 percent of the turnout were absentee voters.

Meantime, the commission has completed the production of 3,000 informational materials about the three legislative

initiatives that would be ratified by the voters. These include House Legislative Initiative 17-2, which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-

12, which gives the Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents authority to revise its mission statement; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5, which will allow the govern-

ment to float a bond.

The materials—brochures and pamphlets—will be turned over to the Northern Marianas College, which will conduct the public education for the initiatives.

NMI families urged to join Red Ribbon Week contest

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Commonwealth students, along with their families, are being encouraged to join the 27th Annual Red Ribbon Week national contest sponsored by the National Family Partnership and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Red Ribbon Week is set for Oct. 23 to 31.

Established in 1985, Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the U.S. created in response to the abduction and murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Parents, youth, and teachers in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to

raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs.

Ten schools from across the U.S. will win \$1,000 in grants while 10 families will bring home a new iPad for their homes by entering the contest that aims to encourage families to talk about drug prevention. Studies show that substance abuse risks lessen when parents talk to their children about the dangers of drugs.

To join the contest, students in kindergarten to grade 12 must bring this year's Red Ribbon Week message to their homes by decorating their front door, mailbox, or fence with this year's theme, "The Best Me is Drug Free."

Take a photo of the Red Ribbon Week decoration with the family and upload it to [\[dribbon.org/contest\]\(http://dribbon.org/contest\) or \[www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek\]\(http://www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek\).](http://www.re-</p>
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You must be parents or individuals 18 years or older to upload photos. Deadline is on Nov. 2. Ask family members and friends to vote for your entry from Nov. 2 to 16. From all the entries, 10 lucky winners from regions across the U.S. will be selected to win and announced at events at the winning schools in December.

"Students will once again take Red Ribbon Week's message of prevention home to their neighborhoods with this national contest. By decorating their homes together with this year's Red Ribbon theme, families carry the message to their communities," said Peggy Sapp, NFP volunteer president.



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\$190M POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT LAWSUIT**Wiseman places defective subpoenas issue under advisement****»Cabrera, CUC ask court to quash notice of deposition**

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has placed under advisement the alleged defective services of subpoenas on House Speaker Eliceo Cabrera and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan W. Fletcher.

Wiseman said he finds good cause to hold off or take off-calendar the subpoenas on Cabrera and Fletcher in relation to the lawsuit filed by Senate and Reps. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan).

Wiseman heard Tuesday the arguments in Cabrera's and CUC's motions to quash the subpoenas.

In a written order issued Wednesday, the judge reiterated that he wants to first hear Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the

Senate, Maratita, and Yumul prior to allowing pre-answer discovery to proceed.

Wiseman noted that Cabrera also raised his constitutional immunity from complying with the subpoena.

Wiseman said the Senate, Maratita, and Yumul may file their opposition to Cabrera's position on or before Oct. 19, 2012.

Cabrera and CUC have asked the Superior Court to quash the notice of deposition and the accompanying subpoena sent them by the Senate, Maratita, and Yumul in connection with the lawsuit over the \$190-million power purchase agreement.

Matthew T. Gregory, counsel for Cabrera, argued that Fitial and his co-defendants have a pending motion to dismiss and that no answer has been filed.

"Discovery, therefore, is premature and should not be

permitted absent concerns relating to the health and future of the speaker," said Gregory.

With respect to the service of subpoena, Gregory said it was defective as no witness fee was tendered.

He said the court should not permit the abuse of subpoena power to allow the Judiciary to intrude on the impeachment proceedings of the House of Representatives.

"Certainly, deposing the speaker of the House is merely an attempt to influence the proceedings regarding House Resolution 17-111," Gregory said.

CUC legal counsel Deborah E. Fisher also asked the court to issue a protective order that prevents the deposition of Fletcher from going forward before pre-answer matters have been decided and a scheduling order is entered in this case.

Fisher said the service of the subpoena on Fletcher was de-

fective as no witness fee was tendered.

Fisher said CUC is formulating a response to the lawsuit and, in addition, there will be a hearing on the government's motion to dismiss on Oct. 11.

"Trying to prepare for a deposition at this time will interfere with CUC formulating its response to the lawsuit," Fisher added.

The Senate, Maratita, and Yumul are suing Fitial, former attorney general Edward Buckingham, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC. They are asking the court to declare the 25-year power purchase agreement declared "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

Wiseman had issued a preliminary injunction that prohibit Fitial and co-defendants from pursuing all agreements associated or related to the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

Close Up Youth Summit on Oct. 17-19**»Sablan to address high school students participating in Civic Education Program**

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced yesterday that the Close Up Foundation will be conducting a three-day Youth Summit for local high school students on Oct. 17-19 at the Saipan World Resort. Close Up is a Washington-based non-profit organization that educates and inspires young people to become informed and active citizens. Close Up programs help students develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to engage in our democracy.

Sablan will welcome participants on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 10:15am. He will dis-

cuss current issues, such as college affordability that particularly affect youth throughout the Northern Mariana Islands. Sablan will encourage the young people to become active in civic affairs.

"My first priority is to ensure that our students are provided with quality, affordable educational opportunities," said Sablan. "Because these are the people who are going to be making decisions for us all very soon."

"The Close Up Youth Summit is itself an educational op-

portunity, helping our future leaders learn how to find solutions to the most critical issues

affecting our Commonwealth."

The second annual Close Up Youth Summit will bring together 60 high school students from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. The students

will work with Close Up educational specialists to identify public policy issues and develop an Agenda for Policy Action. Students will meet with policy experts, research source materials, and work with each other to develop consensus solutions. Highlights of the Youth Summit include a Policy Issues Panel



Sablan

Discussion, on Thursday, Oct. 18, and a reception on Friday afternoon, Oct. 19, where students will present their ideas to local officials.

Sablan is a leading congressional supporter of the funding for Close Up civic education programs through appropriations to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. Each year Close Up brings students and teachers from the Northern Marianas to Washington for a first-hand look at our government in action.

"Close Up programs inspire civic engagement and point young people towards the path of public service," said Sablan. "I am very pleased that we are able to bring these programs directly to our islands, so that even more students can participate."

"I look forward to the debates and to hearing the policy proposals the students produce at the end of Youth Summit."

The Close Up Insular Areas Program is designed to demonstrate how the U.S. model of democracy functions and to foster the interest, knowledge, and skills needed to effectively participate in a democracy. Close Up addresses the academic needs of the insular areas and provides training and materials to improve teachers' civic education skills. Close Up also increases mutual understanding between the United States' diverse citizenry with a special emphasis on public policy concerns and culture. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 12, 1999

No need to rush approval of 2000 budget

The government is running smoothly even without the timely approval of the proposed FY 2000 budget package which has faced difficulties in the Legislature following differences among members on how to distribute the meager resources. According to Speaker Diego T. Benavente, the House is not about to rush passage of the \$206.7 million spending package as the continuing resolution based from FY 99 resources that was adopted early this month by the administration allots budget to departments and agencies. "We are still working on the budget. Whether we have a budget or the continuing resolution. Under these circumstances at this point in time, it really does not hurt or help this government to be able to meet its obligation in the delivery of services," he said in an interview.

Disabilities Council seeks changes to ID card bill

The Governor's Disabilities Council has asked the Senate leadership to enlist persons with disabilities in the bill that would authorize the issuance of identification cards to certain residents in the CNMI. The council was referring to House Bill 11-197, which seeks to authorize minors, senior citizens, and individuals from the Freely Associated States to obtain identification cards from the Office of the Mayor for each senatorial district. Thomas Camacho, executive director of the council, said citizens with disabilities could also benefit if they were included in the measure. Camacho said businesses that provide discounted prices and services often offer such privileges only to students and senior citizens who are 59 years and older.

Oct. 12, 2000

CDA on right track in \$60M bond

The Commonwealth Development Authority and its mainland United States-based underwriters are on the right track in delaying the flotation of the \$60 million municipal bond in anticipation of the seasonal drop in interest rates. Rep. William S. Torres expressed confidence CDA and its underwriters in San Francisco will be able to strike the best deal for the Commonwealth once the tax-free municipal bond is finally floated. "It's just a matter of proper timing but I am sure it's moving on the right direction. They are just waiting for the interest rates to fall because that would be more beneficial for the Northern Marianas," said Mr. Torres.

Leaders want better site for Kagman high school

House leaders are currently in search of a better location for the proposed Kagman High School, citing the school facility should be positioned on a site that has ample room for future expansions. The planned high school, which is eyed to occupy the space beside the new elementary and the proposed junior public high schools in Kagman is reportedly too narrow to accommodate the anticipated growth in student population. "It's too small and there would be no room for expansion. And if you take a look at our population, it is increasing," Rep. Tom Pangelinan pointed out during a meeting between Public School System officials and lawmakers Tuesday.

Oct. 12, 2001

NMI excluded from economic talks

The CNMI has been inexplicably excluded from an economic telephone conference between US governors and key White House officials where they discussed possible federal aid to offset losses incurred after the September 11 attacks on the US mainland. About five US governors, including Guam Gov. Carl Gutierrez, conducted on Monday a teleconference with National Economic Council Director Larry Lindsey and Chair Glenn Hubbard of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. During the teleconference, the governors were briefed on the possible ways that they may tap into the \$40-billion package that the Bush administration wants the US Congress to pass to alleviate the economic crunch brought on by the terrorist attacks.

Federal assistance sought for indigent FAS patients

The Department of Public Health is tapping federal assistance to address the health care needs of CNMI's indigent patients, most of whom have been identified to be those from the Freely-Associated States. FAS citizens residing in the CNMI reportedly comprise the bulk of beneficiaries for this year's Medically Indigent Program under the health department. DPH figures reveal that they constitute 90 percent of the 700 patients who have availed of the health care discount at the public hospital from February to August this year.

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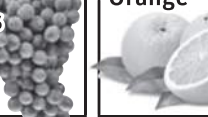

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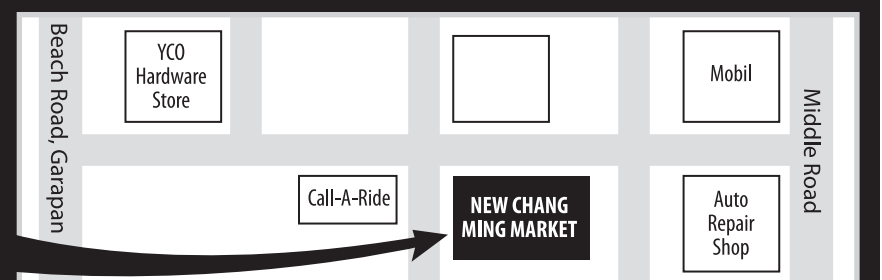
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America's dilemma: Not all employment is created equal

Last week's news that unemployment dropped to 7.8 percent prompted a form of schizophrenia among some conservatives who asserted that the numbers weren't that good, and also that they had been fabricated to help President Obama.

Former GE chairman Jack Welch claimed Obama's team had somehow cooked the books. His proof? Welch said he talks with a lot of business leaders, and they tell him they aren't hiring.

Turns out there's a reason for that. There are two surveys that contribute to a jobs report like Friday's. One includes businesses, the kind of people Welch talks with. It showed meager growth, 114,000 sector jobs, in line with an economy that's slogging along.

The other is a survey of households, the kind of people Welch does not talk with, unless they are 20-bedroom households. The good news: This one showed more people looking for work, a good sign, and more people finding work. The bad news: It was mostly part-time work.

Conservatives are right to question the strength of the recovery in the private sector. The jobs generated are barely enough to keep the tepid recovery above water. Jobs are concentrated in low-wage areas like retail and hospitality, or the bottom rungs of health care.

This is part of a bigger, knottier picture: Many economists no longer believe our slow growth and sticky unemployment problem are part of a business cycle. They believe we have major structural problems in our economy—obstacles that will make it tougher to add jobs down the road, and that will keep the number of unemployed and underemployed at 23 million, unacceptably high.

Take start-ups, traditionally the real engine of job growth. Today's start-ups do not want or need as many new employees. In today's highly technological and cloud-based world, entrepreneurs can keep overhead extremely low. There's no brick, no mortar, and often no benefits for the people who do get hired. More employees tend to be independent contractors, and part time. The average number of workers per new business started dropping in 2001, and during that time total start-up employment has dropped from 4.5 million per year to 2.5 million.

Our problems are new, and vexing, and our presidential candidates have offered little creative thinking here. In last week's debates, both candidates had 15 minutes to talk about jobs, and we heard no new ideas—moderator Jim Lehrer wasn't the only one asleep. Old ideas—about tax cuts, training, trade deals—don't match up with our new problems.

Speaking of new problems, there was a strange and inexplicable number in Friday's report. For the first time in recent history, September employment showed a rise for those age 20-24. Traditionally employment in this group declines as students head back to college. No one has explained this number,

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Romney revealing himself in careful stages

By KEVIN FERRIS
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

An 18-year-old who had just registered to vote seemed surprised by parts of the Republican convention as we watched in August. I'm not sure what he was expecting—lofty speeches on issues, solutions to problems, maybe—but this wasn't it.

Why is his wife speaking? he wanted to know.

Fair enough.

Do we really need spouses and Oprah-esque testimonials during national political conventions?

Sadly, yes, as one way to counter the outlandish caricatures of candidates that their opponents create in attack ads and elsewhere.

Mitt Romney was criticized by some conservatives and Republicans for that aspect of his convention. They worried he wasn't specific enough about a vision for the future, that he wasn't tough enough on President Obama and his policies.

But, after last week's exceptionally strong debate performance, it would seem that just maybe there was a one-step-at-a-time method to Romney's strategy madness that critics overlooked.

Step one, at the convention, go easy. This would really be the first time many people would pay attention to the race. Introduce yourself; don't scare people away.

Step two, at the debate, come on strong. Be aggressive, but respectful. Respond to criticisms and falsehoods, but lay out your own plans and principles. Point out shortcomings of this administration, but contrast that with the possibilities of your own.

So, yes, in step one it made perfect sense to have Ann Romney talking about the man she's known since they started dating in 1965; their five sons and 18 grandchildren; and how he supported her during her battles with multiple sclerosis and breast cancer.

The caricature of Mitt Romney that needed countering came through countless television ads by the Obama campaign and its supporters, and, more recently, the release of the GOP nominee's own poorly chosen words about the "47 percent." That is, he is a ruthless, uncaring Bain Capital-ist who plundered healthy companies, destroying careers and lives. One nonsensical ad had him mysteriously contributing to a woman's death from cancer. Even when his tax returns were released, the millions Romney had given to his church and other charities were twisted into a

plot to simply lower his tax rate—something the rest of us would never, ever dream of doing.

Which is exactly why Ann Romney wasn't the only one offering another side of Mitt in August.

Pam Finlayson told the convention of first meeting the Romneys in 1982, through the congregation Mitt then led. When the Finlaysons' daughter Kate was born premature, Romney visited them in intensive care and prayed with the family. The Romneys baby-sat Kate's 2-year-old brother while she was hospitalized. They prepared a Thanksgiving feast for the Finlaysons while the family awaited Kate's brain surgery.

Romney, Finlayson said, had "devoted his entire life [to] quietly serving others."

The 14-year-old son of Ted and Pat Oparowski was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 1979. During the seven months that David was in and out of the hospital, Mitt Romney visited him often. At the teen's request, Romney helped him write a will so his fishing gear, skateboard, and other items went to the right friends. He would later eulogize David at the boy's funeral.

Not mentioned at the convention was another remarkable story of when Romney pretty much closed up Bain in Boston so that he and the company's 50 employees could help find a colleague's 14-year-old daughter who was missing in New York City. They printed flyers, enlisted about 200 volunteers, and walked the city streets for two days. After their efforts made TV news, the teen was finally found safe.

"The true measure of a man is revealed in his actions during times of trouble," Ted Oparowski told a hushed convention hall in Tampa two months ago. "The quiet hospital room of a dying boy, with no cameras and no reporters—that is the time to make an assessment."

One important assessment, at least. But another came last week at the University of Denver, and there were plenty of cameras and reporters on hand—not to mention the tens of millions viewers of Wednesday's debate.

In his command performance, Romney made the case that "trickle-down government"—high taxes, costly regulations, and a complicated health-care act—was preventing employers from hiring and thus delaying the recovery. He connected almost every idea—lowering tax rates, energy independence, more and fairer trade, a balanced budget, championing small businesses—with vot-

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The moon and six minutes

If you're making Halloween plans you'll be happy to know that the moon will be nearly full for the occasion, so I think the werewolf theme will be in fashion this year. But before the moon brightens up at the end of this month it's going to dim down, and, in fact, right now we're on the cusp of a very dim week-end indeed, with dark skies that beckon to star gazers.

I'm not trying to sell anyone on lifting their eyes from the constant clay-footed slog of politics and related contentions. However, as you know, I don't write about politics. I don't even care about it. But I'm always up for a good star-gazing party. The skies have something for everyone, if only they'd take a look.

And something for everybody is on the menu today. NASA produces an excellent set of brief little videos in a series called "Tonight's Sky." You can find your way to the videos via HubbleSite.org, or you can go to my website, EdStephensJr.com, where I embedded October's video.

The video is a little under six minutes long. It does a great job explaining some of the sky's highlights.

I'll walk through the video (some of it, anyway) so you can get a flavor of it, and so you will also know that October offers some cool celestial sights. Assuming clouds don't gum up the works, this weekend will be a good one for looking aloft.

The first thing the video mentions is Mars, visible in the low evening sky toward the southwest. It basically looks like a red star. If you can manage to get a look at it, the timing is great, because NASA's Curiosity rover landed there successfully in August. As a result, a lot of news is coming out of Mars, so why not take a look at the place?

Democrats prepare to 'rebuild'

Dystopia simply means "where nothing works" and just as I was ready to accept a woefully dismal future, I heard the powerful crescendo of the big band sound, *Oh when the Saints*.

The music chimed in as I took a glimpse at an article about the leadership of the Democratic Party rallying behind Kilili. Subsequently, Independent-Republicans and the Covenant Party followed suit, giving Kilili about half of GOP votes. He's automatically a shoo-in and has sewn his re-election with another landslide victory except for all the fainted cheers.

Earlier, Democrats officially aligned themselves with national Democrats, returning home and setting its sight to "rebuilding" the NMI. I was like, "Hmmm! There's still a ray of hope for these isles."

The word "rebuild" is a powerful term depicting the desire to fix the mess at home beyond economic cataclysm and fiscal calamity. Democrats aren't ready for more of the same. But would their considered plans really make real strides to moving rebuilding beyond rhetoric? It certainly would require a long thoughtful process and undivided conviction.

Returning to familiar battlegrounds isn't going to be a walk in the park. Democrats must re-establish its village base on all three

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ers' number-one issue: job creation. He fleshed out some details, on tax and Medicare reform, while wisely leaving others to be determined, so as not to repeat the my-way-or-the-highway passage of Obamacare.

The president will no doubt regroup. But, for many, the assessment of Romney after the convention and the first debate will be a positive one. It should end the talk of this race being over.

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but one economist offered some theories—these folks are not going back to college because they can't afford to, or are working their way through school to sidestep the kind of debt that has crushed their peers and their parents.

This could be the most hopeful sign in the jobs report—that people aren't waiting for Washington to set sensible policy. They are setting their own.

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That Curiosity landing was a real nail-biter, involving all sorts of complex calculations and complicated maneuvers, and they pretty much had to thread a moving, three-dimensional astronomical needle for that gig. They pulled it off with elegant perfection. That's got to be one of the great engineering achievements of the ages.

Looking back to the skies for October, NASA's video mentions Jupiter next, which will be shining bright in the eastern sky later in the evening. Jupiter is one freaky planet. I'm as awed by it now as when I first read about it in grade school. With the naked eye it looks like a bright star, but even a small telescope can reveal some of its moons and even some of the stripes ("bands") of its weird atmosphere.

In fact, I think even a good pair of binoculars can reveal some of its moons, but I've never been able to test that theory.

Why? Because my binoculars always go missing when I need them. That's why. I think our house has binocular gnomes. And if I catch one I'm going to feed him to the werewolves.

Anyway, back to the video. It works its way toward the Andromeda galaxy by describing the constellation Pegasus first, then the neighboring constellation of Andromeda, and then it looks at the Andromeda galaxy itself.

I don't have a perfect track record of finding Andromeda with a bare eyeball, so I'm not making any guarantees to you on this one.

Still, if you can see it, the light that hits your eyeballs took 2.5 million years to make the trip from Andromeda. Andromeda has well-defined spiral arms (as does our galaxy the Milky Way), but it takes a good telescope to see those. The two galaxies are racing toward each other and are going to smack together in a

inhabited islands. It needs to seek the support of revered people capable of articulating issues that resonate well with voters. Call it connectivity!

It's one tough job but it's good to know the other traditional party isn't about to sit idly by. As it sets out to revisit familiar playground, it must also studiously review shifts in demographics where more than 60 percent of voters are young people. Whoever secures this shift, coupled with the delivery of the right message, would definitely ensure itself a victory lap. It seems Democrats are determined to use the new powerful spring on their feet to make a difference.

For all their collective failure to sustain the strength of unity (Republican and Covenant), you quiz what's up their sleeves as they prepare to brave the campaign trail with tails tucked between their legs. Or is this supposed to be a celebration of fully rehearsed ignorance? I mean, the economy, revenues, hospital, retirement, and job security are all in the dumpster! Perception Is Reality, isn't it?

The fractured GOP has cruised steadily to its permanent demise wedged into three nouvelle hostile factions: Republicans, Covenant and Independent Republicans. Each is nursing nasty wounds from the disintegration of unity and drowning in homogenized, pasteurized, or last I heard, silk milk. I don't particularly take stock of it (who drinks which milk) for it's as useless as astrology in divine meditation.

Its political hegemony is sinking irreversibly into history, triggered by self-inflicted disintegration. It means swallowing the loss of its "command and control" of the landscape as disillusion drips and multiplies steadily from the lips of the multitude. Former professional basketball star Bill Russell said it best, "...when it gets bad...it really gets bad."

Admittedly, no matter the punditry either Republican or Covenant uses this time around, voters are equally wary that so many people aren't working while many homes have been foreclosed, the future of retirees is headed to the fiscal cliff, incomes are lower and malaise is part of the permanent fabric of the economy. Not when the multitude is rattled with vicious hardship. I'm sure they're quietly rehearsing, "No Mas!"

Perhaps, it's time to "rebuild" or would the three hostile factions come roaring back?

Ignoring need for sound policies

The exodus of foreign capital to the tune of \$5 billion to \$7 billion (money that was once recycled locally) was the most powerful signal that the economy was headed to the bottom of the deepest fiscal cliff. It was ignored as more businesses put on shutters.

Pioneering investors from Japan were ignored in favor of Korean and Chinese investors cherry picked by this administration as the next badge of investment partners. Personally, I was embarrassed by our attitude after pioneering investors who stood by our side for decades as true partners were ignored. Is this how you build lasting relationship with partners from Japan?

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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few billion years, creating a big, amorphous blob of an elliptical galaxy. It will be the cosmic version of eating too many fries and not going to the gym.

In fact, Andromeda is making a pig of itself and has started gobbling up one of its little neighbor galaxies, known as M32.

Despite its big appetite Andromeda is highly photogenic. The Web has a lot of impressive pictures. So even if you don't succeed in spying it from Saipan, you can soak up the general context from the NASA video and then web-surf for some photos.

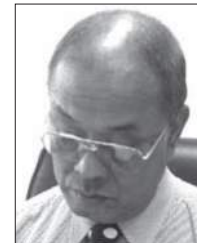
Somewhere within that distant galaxy, among its vast and swirling array of 1 trillion stars, there is a distant world. And on that distant world the inhabitants are reading the *Andromeda Tribune*. They're checking the ads for their weekend shopping lists, and are reading that the exotic Milky Way galaxy will be visible with binoculars if the skies are clear.

Hopefully the skies will be clear. If they are, the cold expanse of interstellar space will soon echo with the primal scream of the cosmos: "WHO TOOK MY BINOCULARS?"

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In fact, they hail from a country that has the most experience on external investments and know exactly what to do to scaffold economic ventures. Today, they've brought their billions to nearby countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, among others. Most are fearful of returning to the islands after we've given them the silent treatment.

Coupled with a deepening economic cataclysm or disaster is the lack of a blueprint for government managers, planners, and key players in private industries to follow. It's to each his own and often substantive issues are given ad hoc review or the usual "eyeballing" when they require a long thoughtful process. It's very unsettling when leadership is simply nonexistent!

Caveat: When expenditure is larger than revenue generation, you know darn well it's time to institute drastic cuts in spending across the board. That there's the fearfully fatal aura of uncertainty—very poor business climate—is more the reason to cut spending on every corner including serious downsizing of departments and agencies. Absent new revenue streams, cuts are the only thing in the books until this listless economy makes it out of the woods.

March 2014: Fund goes broke!

The NMI is broke! It's in real fiscal crisis with nearly half-a-billion dollars in debt while it continues incurring more debts via deficit spending.

Fund actuary consultants have announced that the lifespan of the program has been shortened to March 2014. It will be the end of its ability to pay retirees their pension paychecks.

It means a loss of some \$70 million annually on pension pay that is recycled in the local economy. It accelerates the loss of more revenues for the local coffers.






Basic familial needs (for those who rely on their pension checks for their monthly needs) will be difficult to meet. Many homes would be lost to foreclosures as more houses are disconnected from CUC's grid. Out the window is the money retirees rely upon for their medical needs and livelihood.

It's time to brace or prepare for the worst. It's time to brave NAP's office just to find something to eat or ease the more powerful hardship descending on this archipelago. Wow! It must be one sterling accomplishment sending people to the abyss of poverty and misery. Leadership, anybody?

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 81

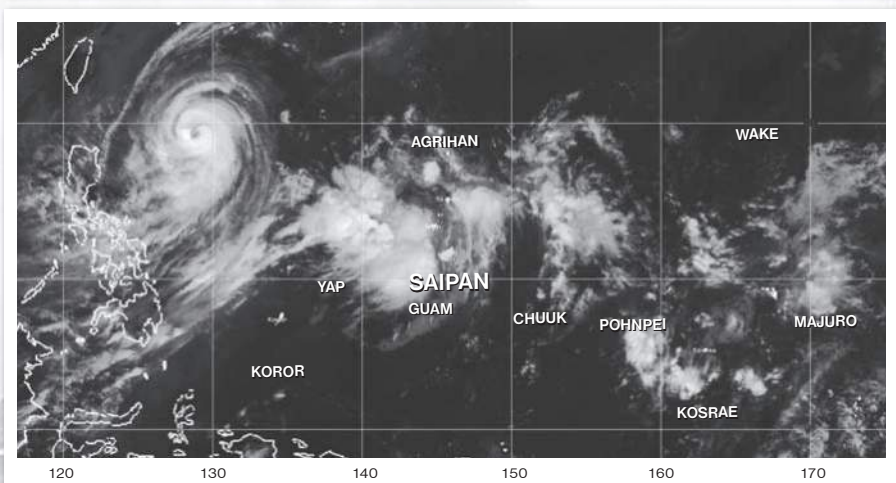
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 57
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 51
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 55 ▼ 45
Los Angeles	Thundershowers	▲ 67 ▼ 56
Manila	Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 74
New York	Sunny	▲ 60 ▼ 45
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 56
Paris	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 48
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 58
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲ 70 ▼ 63
Salem	Sunny	72 42
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 55
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 52
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 57
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 63 ▼ 47

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
5:23 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	
11:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
6:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Prapiroon (22W) is centered 495 miles south of Okinawa near 19N129E and moving west-northwest at 7 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Heavy rain with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the center west of a line from 15N131E to 20N133E to 22N131E. For more information on Prapiroon, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and also the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves eastward from Typhoon Prapiroon to 20N138E then southeastward passing north of Saipan near 18N146E to end north of Chuuk at 12N153E. An upper-level low is also centered northeast of the CNMI at 20N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of Koror within 125 miles of a line from 10N130E to 15N137E to 8N140E. Divergent winds associated with the upper low are enhancing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms near the trough axis west of the Marianas between 8N and 18N from 138E to 144E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present along the trough axis near the CNMI within 140 miles of a line from 10N146E to 15N148E to 19N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen farther east or northeast of Chuuk within 165 miles of a line from 8N153E to 13N155E to 19N152E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Pohnpei and Kosrae between 2N and 7N from 158E to 167E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Kwajalein within 70 miles of a line from 10N164E to 13N162E. A trade-wind disturbance near Majuro is responsible for scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 90 miles of a line from from 8N170E to 12N172E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:59 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:58 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	6:57 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	6:56 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:42 AM	3:19 PM
Saturday	3:37 AM	4:03 PM
Sunday	4:33 AM	4:48 PM
Monday	5:32 AM	5:36 PM
Tuesday	6:33 AM	6:27 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New sections help US eligible workers find jobs

I would like to take this opportunity and share new programs being developed within the Department of Labor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This department created two sections within. They are Job Availability Section and Job Placement Section.

The Job Availability attends to the job needs of employer. Employers are assisted to register their job needs at marianaslabor.net. Personnel keep account of all available jobs that employers need as reported to this section. They review job vacancy on our website to ensure that the terms and conditions of the jobs are not obscured and with inflated job qualifications. Terms and conditions must be in compliance with both federal and state law. Terms must be fair and equitable. O-NET

provides this avenue. All employers are required to use the O-NET to ensure that the terms being advertised are fair and not one that discourages. Advertisements are usually for a period of two days within a week, for two weeks. They also review and follow up on all job response made by U.S eligible workers before certifying the job vacancy.

The personnel of this section are also tasked to identify the employers' hidden job market. This is the process where personnel meets with the employers interactively and discuss their future job needs. As you can see, job advertisement on public job market has diminished and by tapping into the hidden job market, it will help us refer and place qualified and available U.S eligible workers

in jobs needed by employers.

The Job Placement Section is responsible for registering, assessing, referring, and placing qualified U.S eligible workers in private sector jobs. They cater to U.S eligible workers such as U.S citizens, CNMI Permanent Residents, U.S Permanent Residents, and citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia and Freely Associated States. They assist job seekers identify jobs that they are interested in and would love and enjoy doing, knowing his/her skills, abilities and knowledge of the job. Knowing the workplace basic based on employers perspective, knowing and understanding good verbal and non-verbal communication, resume writing, cover page letters, job matching, marketing candidates to employers, referring them to

the right job and following up job retain ability.

The department has developed a good working relationship with the Workforce Investment Agency, NAP Office, non-profit training institutions such as Jim Arenovski's Bridge Project Inc., Frank Gibson's Society of Human Resource and Management, Florine Hofschneiders' Women's Affair Association. Candidates now have the opportunity to avail of these programs to improve their job outlook and get them job ready.

I would like to encourage U.S eligible workers who are applying for jobs and are not getting any results to give us a listing of all these places that you are applying for so that we can make follow-ups for you. However, report this im-

mediately and don't wait until it is too late. We are working against time.

Your local Department of Labor still exists to help you find, keep, and grow on jobs. The installed programs have resulted in 815 registered applicants. Of this total, 158 were sent to the aforementioned training institutions and to date there are 40 hired hands.

This is just a brief of the new developments within the Job Availability and Placement sections of the Department of Labor. There are four friendly personnel that are at your service at all times. They are Lillian Castro, Dennis Cabrera, Evelyn Sablan, and Manning Iguel.

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Man'amko urged to avail of Medicare prescription drug benefit

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center will soon open its enrollment for additional Medicare coverage and is encouraging the CNMI's elderly to avail of this additional benefit.

In a statement, Brabu co-owner and manager Ted Parker is inviting eligible individuals to take advantage of the open enrollment for Medicare Part D beginning Oct. 15.

Medicare Part D is a federal program to subsidize the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries. It was enacted

as part of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 and went into effect in Jan. 1, 2006.

Individuals are eligible for prescription drug coverage under Part D plan if they are entitled to benefits under Medicare Part A, which covers hospitalization, and Part B, which covers physician's visit.

Interested senior citizens can enroll into the Part A and B programs at the local Social Security office located on the second floor of the Mariana Heights building in Puerto Rico.

Last year, Brabu assisted nearly 130 elderly during the open enrollment for the

same benefit.

"Many man'amko are feeling the pressure of a tight economy, but there is good news—open enrollment for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage begins on Oct. 15. We once again invite eligible people to stop by Brabu to learn more about the program, or if you already have a red, white, and blue Medicare Part A card, spend a few minutes with us to enroll in the Part D plan," said Parker.

"The Part D plan only covers prescription drugs with the co-pay dependent upon the type of medication being prescribed. Medicare Part D breaks prescription drugs into

four tiers. Last year's co-pays were \$6, \$10, and \$45 for tiers 1 through 3, with tier 4 being a percentage of the total drug cost. Patients with valid Medicaid coverage on top of their Medicare Part D would pay even less," explained Parker.

Once successfully enrolled, Part D coverage will begin Jan. 1, 2013, while for those turning 65 years old, coverage will begin on their birth date.

According to Parker, the premium for most applicants will be less than last year's \$17.10. Those individuals that did not enroll when they became eligible at the age of 65, or when they enrolled in the Medicare

part A plan, may have to pay a "late" penalty fee. The fee is compounded monthly unless the enrollee can prove that they had other "creditable" insurance coverage.

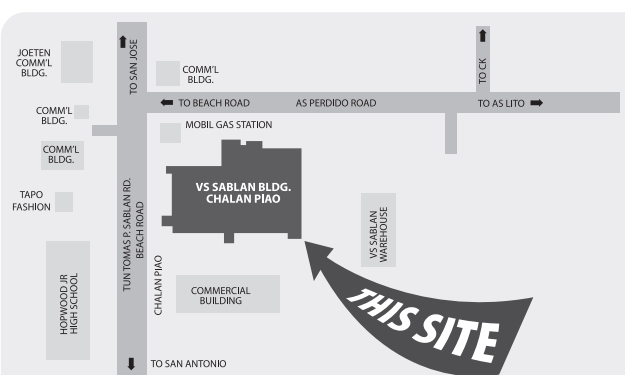
"Last year we helped those individuals successfully waive the late penalty fee by faxing in the required certification forms proving that they had other insurance coverage. It takes a bit more effort, but it is well worth the time. We want to assist as many people as possible. We were really concerned about the number of people who had so much trouble trying to enroll on their own that they simply gave up. We don't want to

see this happen again to anyone," said Brabu co-owner Kathy Yuknavage.

Elderly wishing to enroll in AARP Medicare Part D plan are invited to visit Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center on Tuesdays or Thursdays, starting Oct. 16. The enrollment process is free and takes only a few minutes. Brabu also invites students to volunteer their time to help enroll individuals into the program.

For more information, visit Brabu Pharmacy on Middle Road in Gualo Rai or call 233-AMOT (2668).

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MTEC, MVA begin annual school outreach

The Marianas Tourism Education Council and the Marianas Visitors Authority launched their annual outreach to public and private schools with visits to Chacha Oceanview Junior High and Saipan Southern High last week.



MTEC

Marcelyn Castro of Chacha Oceanview Jr. High won a Saipan-da bag during the educational presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council. MTEC launched its annual round of school presentations on Oct. 4, 2012. Also pictured is MTEC chair Vicky Benavente.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PTSA meeting for all Kagman public schools

All parents and guardians of students that attend Kagman Elementary School, ChaCha Oceanview Junior High School, and Kagman High School are being encouraged to attend a PTSA meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at the Kagman High School cafeteria, from 6pm to 7pm.

The agenda will include the election of PTSA officers for all Kagman public schools and the selection of school representatives to the Kagman PTSA Committee.

For more information, call KHS Main Office at 664-3780, KES Main Office at 664-3911 or COJHS Main Office at 664-4100. (PR)

2 beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the San Roque school and Tanapag Meeting Hall and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday

America Needs Fatima is inviting everyone to a Public Square Rosary Rally this Saturday, Oct. 13, to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima. The rosary rally from 12pm to 2pm at the Garapan Fishing Base (across Kristo Rai Church) in Garapan.

This rosary will be one of almost 9,000 rallies that will take place across the globe on that day. All rosary rallies start at noon, local time, because it is near this time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima, Portugal, during the sixth and last apparition of Mary on Oct. 13, 1917.

For more information, email Celia Lamkin at clamkinmd@yahoo.com and Escolastica Cabrera at linda.51tcabrera@gmail.com or call 322- RITA(7482). (PR)

SBDC to host free business workshop today

The Small Business Development Center will be conducting a free workshop called "How to Market Your Business" today, Oct. 12, 2012, from 9am to 11am, at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's conference room at the Familia Bldg. in Garapan. (PR)

MTEC is a non-profit organization aimed at educating the public on the importance of the tourism industry. The council engages students with discussion on the benefits of tourism, the profile of visitors who come to the Northern Marianas, and what students can do to support the visitor industry.

"MTEC is thankful that Saipan Southern High's MY WAVE Club is helping to spread the message that 'Tourism Is Everybody's Business,'" said

MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "This club, with a membership of 40 students, has produced a DVD called 'I Love Saipan.' These are high schools students who understand the importance of our islands' tourism industry. Amazing kids!"

Saipan Southern High MY WAVE Club president Bertran Palacios assisted with the MTEC presentation and said he is looking forward to a very successful year.

"Right now, by looking at the

numbers of the students who are interested in the club, I could assume that great things will happen," said Palacios. "I have a really committed and determined group of leaders who will run the club with me, which is a great thing. The ideas we have for now are beach and road side cleanups; just the basics, and there will be more in the duration of the school year."

Other SSHS MY WAVE Club officers are vice president Guadalupe Camacho, secretary

Danah Apelo, treasurer Isaac Tenorio, and co-secretary/treasurer Fidel Palacios.

"Our club continues to grow, as more students become aware of and interested in the visitor industry," said Saipan Southern High MY WAVE Club adviser Arisa Sakai.

Interested organizations and individuals may contact MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas at mduenas@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 for more information. (MTEC)



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You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C*DAC)** at

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Business

IMF chief urges action in tackling euro crisis

TOKYO (AP)—The head of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday called for urgent action to tackle Europe's debt problems and an approaching fiscal crisis in the U.S., warning that ripple effects from the global slowdown are already being felt around the world.

IMF chief Christine Lagarde, addressing reporters as the IMF and World Bank began their an-

nual meetings in Tokyo, praised recent steps taken by the European Central Bank and European governments, but said "more needs to happen, and faster."

Lagarde also said two senior Chinese finance officials who cancelled their trip to Tokyo amid a territorial dispute with host Japan will "lose out"

by not attending.

"Our concern is that they will be missing a great meeting," she said. "We have a lot of substantive issues to discuss."

Diplomatic tensions have flared between the two Asian giants over a cluster of tiny islands in the East China Sea controlled by Japan



Lagarde

but also claimed by China. In an apparent sign of Beijing's anger, People's Bank of China Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan was scheduled to give the event's closing speech on Sunday but the IMF said his deputy will represent him in the meeting and deliver the speech.

Lagarde stressed that economies in Asia are critical to global growth, and hoped that disputes

between countries in the region can be resolved for the good of economic cooperation of Asia and the entire world.

"We hope that differences, however longstanding, can be resolved harmoniously and expeditiously so that from an economic point of view cooperation can continue ... since we are all very closely interconnected," she said. Japanese auto sales in China

plunged last month, and tens of thousands of Chinese tourists have cancelled trips to Japan, which is depending on China as a source of growth amid the global slowdown.

Later in the day, finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven richest nations will hold informal gatherings where they will likely discuss steps to address Europe's debt crisis, weaker growth in Asia and a budget impasse in the U.S.

Heating costs to rise this winter as cold returns

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans will pay more to heat their homes this winter as they feel something they didn't feel much of last year: cold.

Prices for natural gas, heating oil and other fuels will be relatively stable. But customers will have to use more energy to keep warm than they did a year ago, according to the annual Winter Fuels Outlook from the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration.

Last winter was the warmest on

record. This year temperatures are expected to be close to normal.

Heating bills will rise 20 percent for heating oil customers, 15 percent for natural gas customers, 13 percent for propane customers and 5 percent for electricity customers, the EIA announced Wednesday.

Heating oil customers are expected to pay an average of \$3.80 per gallon, the highest price ever. That will result in record heating bills, at an average of \$2,494. That's nearly \$200

more than the previous high, set in the winter of 2010-2011.

Kathleen Ryan of Cohoes, in upstate New York, is on a payment plan in which she is billed for oil November through May to spread out the costs. But with oil prices high and a hint of winter chill in the air, she is concerned.

"You have no idea what Mother Nature is going to bring," she said. "They're already talking about frost this weekend. My costs could double."

End of the line for returnable Coca-Cola bottle

NEW YORK (AP)—It's the end of an era for Coca-Cola lovers, as the last 6.5-ounce returnable, glass bottle rolls off the production line.

A small Coke bottler in Minnesota says it's stopping production of the bottles, which customers could return to get back a 20-cent deposit. The company in Winona, Minn., had been refilling the returnable bottles since 1932 but said it no longer makes business sense to continue doing so.

LeRoy Telstad, the bottler's

vice president and general manager, says the last run for refilling the bottles was Tuesday.

The Coca-Cola Co., based in Atlanta, notes that its 8-ounce glass bottles are still widely available across the country. Those recyclable bottles are nearly identical to the smaller 6.5-ounce bottles. They have less glass but hold more cola.

The glass bottles that were refilled in Winona, Minn. had a very limited footprint, distributed in only four counties.

"They were made on an old

line that would have to be completely replaced—they kept them going as long as they could," said Susan Stribling, a Coca-Cola spokeswoman.

And people often kept the vintage bottles after they bought them instead of returning them.

As one of the last makers of the refillable bottles, Telstad said people would travel from all over to pick them up. Customers paid a deposit on each bottle they bought and would get that deposit back when they returned the bottles.

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Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Olomwaay. Thank You.

Nation

Obama on debate with Romney: 'I had a bad night'

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio (AP)—President Barack Obama conceded Wednesday he did poorly in a debate last week that fueled a comeback by his rival in the race for the White House. Mitt Romney barnstormed battleground Ohio and pledged "I'm not going to raise taxes on anyone" in a new commercial.

A perennial campaign issue flared unexpectedly as Romney reaffirmed he is running as a "pro-life candidate and I'll be a pro-life president." He spoke one day after saying in an interview he was not aware of any abortion-related legislation that would become part of his agenda if he wins the White House.

Romney and Obama maneuvered in a race with 27 days to run as Vice President Joe Biden and Republican running mate Paul Ryan looked ahead to their only debate, set for Thursday night in Danville, Ky.

Whatever the impact of the Biden-Ryan encounter, last week's presidential debate boosted Romney in the polls nationally and in Ohio and other battleground states, to the point that Obama was still struggling to explain a performance even his aides and supporters say was subpar.



AP
President Barack Obama speaks during a campaign event at The Ohio State University Oval Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio.

"Gov. Romney had a good night. I had a bad night. It's not the first time I've had a bad night," Obama said in an ABC interview.

Asked if it was possible he had handed the election to Romney, the president replied: "No."

"What's important is the fundamentals of what this race is about haven't changed," he said. "You know, Gov. Romney went to a lot of trouble to try to hide what his positions are," he said, referring to abortion as an example.

Despite the presidential display of confidence, public opinion polls suggested the impact of last week's debate was

to wipe out most, if not all, of the gains Obama made following both parties' national conventions and the emergence in late summer of a videotape in which Romney spoke dismissively of 47 percent of Americans whom he said pay no income taxes. They feel as if they are victims, he said, adding they don't take personal responsibilities for their lives.

Eager to capitalize on his newfound momentum, Romney told a factory audience in Ohio

during the day: "My whole passion is about helping the American people who are struggling right now ... The president says he's for the middle class. How have they done under his presidency? Not so well."

The Republican challenger's new television commercial was an appeal to voters' pocketbooks—and also a rebuttal to Obama's claim that Romney had a plan to cut taxes by \$5 trillion on the wealthy that would mean higher taxes for the middle class.

"The president would prefer raising taxes," Romney is shown saying in an exchange from last week's debate. "I'm not going to raise taxes on anyone. ... My priority is putting people back to work in America."

Unemployment and the economy have been the dominant issues in the race for the presidency, and while Romney gained from the debate, last week's drop in the jobless rate to 7.8 percent gave Obama a new talking point for the Democratic claim that his policies are helping the country recover, however slowly, from the worst recession in decades.

Mother of former SEAL asks Romney to stop

SIDNEY, Ohio (AP)—The mother of a former Navy SEAL killed in Libya has called on Mitt Romney to stop talking about her son during his political campaign.

A spokesman for the Republican presidential candidate says Romney will respect her wishes.

Romney in recent days has been telling voters of chance encounter with the former SEAL, Glen Doherty, at a Christmas party two or three years ago. Doherty was among four Americans killed in the attacks in Benghazi.

Romney told the story of his chance encounter with Doherty at least twice in the last two days as part of a larger push to show a more personal side and criticize President Barack Obama's foreign policy. Romney, like other Republicans, have repeatedly raised questions about the president's handling of the

Sept. 11 attack.

Indeed, the Benghazi terrorist strike that left U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens dead was a centerpiece of Romney's high-profile foreign policy speech at the Virginia Military Institute earlier in the week.

On Wednesday, Doherty's mother, Barbara Doherty, told Boston television station WHDH that she wanted Romney to stop citing her son.

"I don't trust Romney. He shouldn't make my son's death part of his political agenda. It's wrong to use these brave young men, who wanted freedom for all, to degrade Obama," Barbara Doherty said.

Romney spokesman Rick Gorka said: "Gov. Romney was inspired by the memory of meeting Glen Doherty and shared his story and that memory, but we respect the wishes of Mrs. Doherty."

ACROSS THE NATION

Mom who glued toddler's hands: 'I'm not a monster'

DALLAS (AP)—A mother who admitted to beating her 2-year-old daughter and gluing the child's hands made a plea for leniency Wednesday, saying she was no longer the "monster" who committed the attack. "I will never forgive myself for what I did to my own daughter," said Elizabeth Escalona, who pleaded guilty in July to felony injury to a child. Police say Escalona lost her temper last year with Jocelyn Cedillo over potty training problems. Escalona beat and kicked Jocelyn before sticking her hands to an apartment wall using an adhesive commonly known as Super Glue. The child was hospitalized for days.

2 dead, 1 trapped in Fla. parking garage collapse

MIAMI (AP)—A section of a parking garage under construction at a community college collapsed Wednesday, killing two people and trapping two others in the rubble, officials said. One worker was rescued amid the debris, but authorities said it could be days before they are able to get the other one out. At least one other was unaccounted for. Eight workers were hurt when the roof of the five-story concrete garage fell, creating a pancake-style collapse on the campus of Miami-Dade College, officials said. "It was a floor upon floor, collapsing all the way down to the ground floor," Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Capt. Louie Fernandez said. Some workers were taken or brought themselves to the hospital, while others were treated on the scene and sent home.

Police say they believe Colorado girl was abducted

DENVER (AP)—The sudden disappearance of a 10-year-old Colorado girl took yet another turn Wednesday, with authorities saying they believe she was abducted. The case has seen a number of twists since Jessica Ridgeway vanished Friday on what should have been a short walk to school. Police initially said the public didn't need to fear a kidnapper—then said they were investigating whether the case might be related to that of another girl who was abducted for several hours Monday in Wyoming, among other tips they received. On Wednesday afternoon, authorities changed course more definitively, saying they believe Jessica was kidnapped by an "unknown suspect."



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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

Francisco L. Kaipat, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 21, 2001 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 26, 2001 under Document No. 01-268 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 128 D 51, (formerly known as part of Lot 018 D 57), containing an area of 620 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00 the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 99 as Document No. 99-2896 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Amended Notice of Default on September 21, 2011. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Monday, November 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. **The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$69,000.00 the total amount due under the VA loan.**

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within 72 hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC. The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 11th day of October, 2012.

/S/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director, NMHC

Lot No.: 128 D 51
Area: 820 m²
Gross Living Area: 1,201 Ft²
Location: Adilanto Loop, Sugar King Estates, Saipan
3 BR, 2 Bath
Minimum Bid: \$70,504.00
Bid Date: December 5, 2011
Bid Time: 10:00 a.m.
Bid Place: NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan



World

Turkey intercepts Syrian plane as tensions mount

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkish jets on Wednesday forced a Syrian passenger plane to land at Ankara airport on suspicion that it might be carrying weapons or other military equipment, amid heightened tensions between Turkey and Syria that have sparked fears of a wider regional conflict.

The Syrian Air jetliner was traveling from Moscow when it was intercepted by F16 jets as it entered Turkish airspace and was escorted to the capital's Esenboga Airport, the state-run TRT television reported.

Hours later, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the Airbus A320 with 37 passengers and crew would be allowed to leave, but its cargo had been confiscated.

"There are elements ... that are not legitimate in civilian flights," the state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Davutoglu as saying. He did not provide de-

tails but said authorities continued to examine the cargo.

Davutoglu earlier told Turkey's TGRT television that the plane was intercepted on suspicion it was carrying illicit cargo to Damascus.

"If equipment is being carried under the guise of civilian flights or if they are not being declared, then of course we'll inspect it," he said.

"We are determined to stop the flow of weapons to a regime that carries out such ruthless massacres," Davutoglu added. "We cannot accept that our air space be used for such aims."

Hurriyet newspaper's website, citing unidentified intelligence officials, said communications equipment, wireless sets and jammers were found on board. NTV television reported that authorities found "missile parts."

Syrian Information Minister Omran Zuabi declined

comment.

Davutoglu said Turkish authorities had also declared Syria's airspace to be unsafe and were stopping Turkish aircraft from flying over the civil war-torn country.

The move comes as tensions between Turkey and Syria are running high. The countries, which were once close allies, have been exchanging artillery fire across the volatile border for days.

Earlier Wednesday, Turkey's military chief vowed to respond with more force to any further shelling from Syria, keeping up the pressure on its southern neighbor a day after NATO said

it stood ready to defend Turkey.

Gen. Necdet Ozel was inspecting troops who have been put on alert along the 565-mile (910-kilometer) border after shelling from Syria killed five Turkish civilians in a border town last week. Turkey has re-enforced the border with artillery and also deployed more fighter jets to an air base close to the border region.

"We responded and if (the shelling) continues, we will respond with more force," the private Dogan news agency quoted Ozel as saying during a visit to the town of Akcakale.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Wednesday that

Washington has sent troops to the Jordan-Syria border to help build a headquarters in Jordan and bolster that country's military capabilities in the event that violence escalates along its border with Syria.

The revelation raises the possibility of an escalation in the U.S. military involvement in the conflict, even as Washington pushes back on any suggestion of a direct intervention in Syria.

In Syria's largest city, Aleppo, regime troops and rebel fighters exchanged fire for several hours in and around the historic 13th-century Umayyad Mosque, said local activist Mohammed Saeed.

2 US scientists win Nobel chemistry prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Two Americans won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for studies of how the cells in our bodies pick up signals as diverse as hormones, smells, flavors and light—work that is key to developing better medicines.

Those signals are received by specialized proteins on cell surfaces. Dr. Robert Lefkowitz and Dr. Brian Kobilka made groundbreaking discoveries about the inner workings of those proteins, mainly in the 1980s, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

The proteins are called G-protein-coupled receptors. Many of today's drugs—maybe about half—act on these receptors, including beta blockers and anti-

histamines. Experts say the prize-winning work and subsequent research is helping scientists as they try to improve current drugs and develop new ones.

The receptors pick up signals outside a cell and relay a message to the interior.

"They work as a gateway to the cell," Lefkowitz told a news conference in Stockholm by phone. "As a result, they are crucial ... to regulate almost every known physiological process with humans."

Lefkowitz, 69, is an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Kobilka, 57, worked for Lefkowitz at Duke before

transferring to Stanford University School of Medicine in California, where he is now a professor.

Lefkowitz said he was fast asleep when the Nobel committee called, but he didn't hear the phone because he was wearing ear plugs. So his wife picked up.

"She said, 'There's a call here for you from Stockholm,'" Lefkowitz told The Associated Press. "I knew they ain't calling to find out what the weather is like in Durham today." He said he didn't have any "inkling" that he was being considered for the Nobel Prize.

"Initially, I expected I'd have this huge burst of excitement. But I didn't. I was comfortably numb," Lefkowitz said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Shooting of Pakistan girl activist sparks outrage

ISLAMABAD(AP)—Schools shut their doors in protest and Pakistanis across the country held vigils Wednesday to pray for a 14-year-old girl who was shot by a Taliban gunman after daring to advocate education for girls and criticize the militant group. The shooting of Malala Yousufzai on Tuesday in the town of Mingora in the volatile Swat Valley horrified Pakistanis across the religious, political and ethnic spectrum. Many in the country hoped the attack and the outrage it has sparked will be a turning point in Pakistan's long-running battle against the Taliban, which still enjoys considerable public support for fighting U.S. forces in neighboring Afghanistan. Top U.S. officials condemned the attack and offered to help the girl.

12 Chinese workers die, 24 hurt in dormitory fire

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese state media say a fire in a workers' dormitory has killed 12 people and injured 24 others in northwestern China. The official Xinhua News Agency says the fire broke out early Wednesday in a dormitory for workers on a water diversion project in Shaanxi province. It did not report the cause. It says the workers are from a tunnel engineering subsidiary of China Railway 18th Bureau Group Co. Ltd. A report on a news site run by the province, cnwest.com, says the dormitory was a three-story make-shift building.

Bomb blast kills 2 in southern Philippine city

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say a homemade bomb exploded near a hotel in a southern Philippine city, killing two people and wounding two officers. Cagayan de Oro City police chief Gerardo Rosales says no motive or suspects have been identified in the blast Thursday morning. One bystander was killed on the spot and another died in the hospital. No guest or hotel staff was hurt. Rosales says two officers who responded to a call that several unidentified men were acting suspiciously saw a small metal container near the hotel and called a bomb squad. The officers were wounded when the device, which was packed with nails, exploded as they backed away from it. Criminal gangs as well as Muslim and communist rebels operate in the restive southern region.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide Federal funding to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands to fund the Green Energy School Project which would install and operate small-scale wind turbines at Saipan Southern High School and Koblerville Elementary School.

GREEN ENERGY SCHOOL WIND PROJECT
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DOE/EA-1923

DOE's Golden Field Office has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA). Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Draft EA for consideration by DOE by **October 29, 2012**. All comments received will be considered in preparation of the Final EA. DOE encourages your participation in this process.

You can submit comments by either mail or email. Melissa Ardis, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to: melissa.ardis@go.doe.gov.

The Draft EA, with appendices is available for your review on the Golden Field Office website:
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. DAISY O. SANTOS, Defendant.

Civil Action No. 11-0201

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Date: October 24, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Judge: Hon. Robert C. Naraja

TO DEFENDANT DAISY O. SANTOS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff Bank of Guam has filed a Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter. The hearing on said Motion will be heard on October 24, 2012, at 9:00am, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2012.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff, vs. MA. CAROLINE GARON, Defendant.

CIVIL CASE NO. 12-0042

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint in this matter, a copy of which may be obtained at the law office below or the Superior Court, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:
DATED September 27, 2012

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Vicente S. and Joaquina DLG. Salas
P.O. Box 5555 CHRB
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: JULIETTE PACEY SALAS DELEON GUERRERO Minor Child, By: VICENTE S. SALAS AND JOAQUINA DLG. SALAS Petitioners

FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0469

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 25th, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2012

BERNADITA SABLAN
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Off the Wall

Police: Man tries to rob bank of \$1 in prison bid

NORTHERN CAMBRIA, Pa. (AP)—A man tried to rob a Pennsylvania bank of \$1 because he hoped to be sent to a federal prison nearby, police said.

Jeffrey McMullen, a 50-year-old regular customer of an AmeriServ bank in the western Pennsylvania town of Northern Cambria, handed notes to two

tellers Friday demanding a dollar, according to a police complaint reported by The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown.

The tellers thought it was a joke, police said. He then spoke with a new accounts employee and repeated he was robbing the bank for a buck.

Police say McMullen apparently

wanted to be prosecuted federally so he could be taken to a prison in central Pennsylvania. Police could not immediately say why.

McMullen awaits a preliminary hearing, and court records didn't list an attorney. Under terms set by a Northern Cambria district judge, he must undergo a mental evaluation and post \$50,000 bail in order

to win release from jail.

One note given to tellers said, "FBI custody. Preferbly (sic) Loretto Pa. No press. Seal all files," according to the complaint. Police took that to be a request that McMullen hoped authorities would not publicize his case. The other said, "Federal bank robbery. Please hand over \$1.00."

RECORD BREAKER

Danika Starr, 9, sits with her father's winning pumpkin at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival Weigh-off contest in Half Moon Bay, Calif., Monday, Oct. 8, 2012. The pumpkin weighed 1,775 pounds, making it a new California record. Forty-five-year-old Thad Starr from Pleasant Hill, Ore. beat last year's winner by 71 pounds. Starr wins six dollars for each pound, which equals \$10,650. He said he plans to use the prize money to take his family to Disneyland. His pumpkin will be on display this weekend at the Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival. The runner-up came in at 1,521 pounds. That pumpkin is also expected to be on display this weekend.

AP



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

World champs win Maine wife-carrying contest

NEWRY, Maine (AP)—A Finnish couple has added to their victories by taking first place in the North American Wife Carrying Championship at Maine's Sunday River ski resort. Taisto Miettinen and Kristina Haapanen traveled from Helsinki, Finland—where they won the World Wife Carrying Championship—for Saturday's contest. The Sun Journal reports that the couple finished with a time of 52.58 seconds on a course that includes hurdles, sand traps and a water hole. The winners receive the woman's weight in beer and five times her weight in cash. For Miettinen and Haapanen, that meant a check for \$530. They shared their beer winnings with the second- and third-place finishers—Jesse Wall and Christine Arsenault of South Paris and David and Lacey Castro of Lewiston.

Crickets, worms on menu for Philly museum event

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—When a natural history museum throws a party, it figures that some unusual food might end up on the menu. Interested in noshing on crickets, worms and farm-raised python? The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia has an event for you. It's hosting an adults-only cocktail party on Oct. 27 called "Cuisine From the Collections." Menu items will include seaweed, buffalo and rabbit. The food is by the museum's caterer and chefs and students from Drexel University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies. Tickets are \$100 for nonmembers. Proceeds benefit the 200-year-old institution's mission of scientific research and exploration.

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Responso Service and Holy Rosary will be at 10:00am to 12:00noon at Cabrera Funeral Home on Saturday, October 13, 2012. Her remains will be taken from Cabrera Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 12:00noon for viewing and last respects followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 3:00pm.

Her body will later on be brought to the Airport. Funeral will be in the Philippines.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

From Loving Friends and Family.

Praise of Divine Goodness
Bless the Lord, my soul;
All my being, bless his Holy Name!
Bless the Lord, my soul;
Do not forget all the gifts of God,
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Surrounds you with love and compassion,
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Wish to express our sincerest & heartfelt gratitude & appreciation to all our families, relatives & friends for your thoughtful expressions of love, sympathy, prayers & personal assistance & support during the difficult time of sorrow in the painful passing of our beloved son, †Franklin into the eternal hands of God.

To All-who have supported us in one way or another, for your presence at the nightly rosaries & Eucharistic Celebrations-We Thank You!!!

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Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00
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Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis
A dedicated teacher attempts to rescue his school's music program by risking life and limb as a mixed martial arts fighter. Kevin James and Henry Winkler star in an action comedy from director Frank Coraci (The Wedding Singer, Click).

Argo

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:45
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Monday thru Thursday	4:15	7:15	

Cast: Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin, John Goodman
Genre: Thriller • Rated R

Sinister

Friday	4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30
Monday thru Thursday	4:30	7:30	

Cast: Ethan Hawke, James Ransone, Vincent D'Onofrio
Genre: Horror • Rated R



Frankenweenie 3D

Friday	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	7:05
Sunday	1:05	7:05
Monday thru Thursday	7:05	

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

Taken 2

Friday	4:10	7:10	9:40
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Monday thru Thursday	4:10	7:10	

Cast: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen
Genre: Thriller • Rated PG13

Pitch Perfect

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:55
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Monday thru Thursday	4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13

Frankenweenie 2D

Friday	4:05	
Saturday	4:05	
Sunday	4:05	
Monday thru Thursday	4:05	

Cast: Charlie Tahan, Winona Ryder, Martin Landau
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 3D

Friday	7:25	9:50
Saturday	1:25	7:25
Sunday	1:25	7:25
Monday thru Thursday	7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday	4:25	
Saturday	4:25	
Sunday	4:25	
Monday thru Thursday	4:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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Science & Technology

EBay unveils big redesign with a nod to Pinterest

NEW YORK (AP)—EBay has redesigned its website to encourage visitors to browse and collect items they might want to buy later with something it calls the “feed.”

The feature, reminiscent of popular sites like image-heavy Pinterest, shows users items based on things they purchased in the past or items they’ve clicked on the site. Shoppers can also edit their feed by adding or removing categories and individual items.

Ebay’s old search feature—which helps shoppers who already know what they are looking for—is not going away. Rather, the company says it wants online shopping feel more like window-shopping or browsing in a brick-and-mortar store.

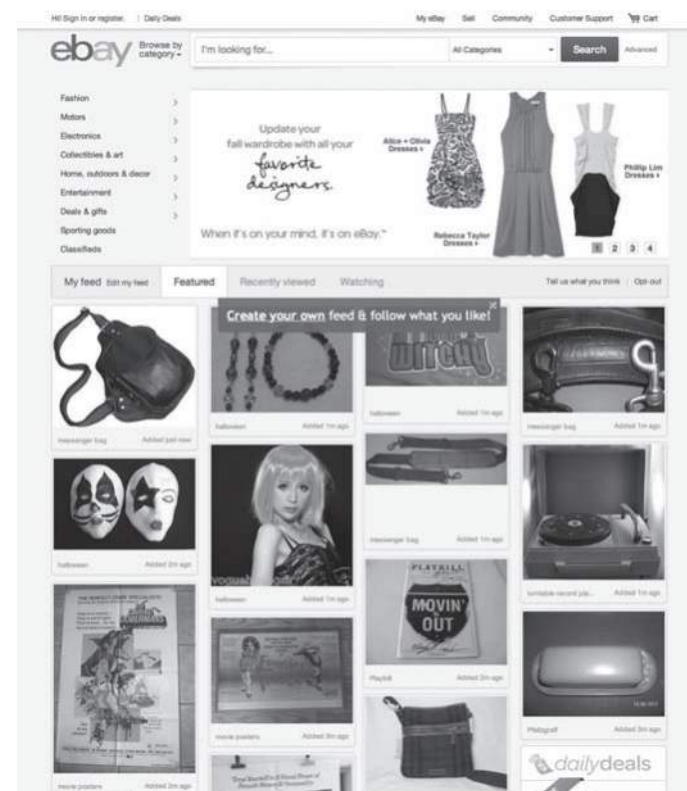
San Jose, Calif.-based eBay Inc. unveiled the new site Wednesday at an event in New York’s trendy Meatpacking district. It will be available to eBay’s U.S. users gradually

over the next 100 days and to international users after that. eBay says it has 105 million active users worldwide. And it has about 25 million sellers ranging from large brands to individuals.

The company is also launching a smartphone and tablet computer app called eBay Now. The app lets people order items from retailers such as Macy’s, Target and Walgreens. In most cases, eBay promises delivery within an hour. eBay Now is being tested in San Francisco but the company will likely roll it out elsewhere in the future.

The company also simplified its shopping site so that it takes fewer clicks of the mouse to buy items. The redesign also looks cleaner and with larger photos than the previous version.

In addition, the company has been testing a service called Lifestyle Deals, which offers Groupon-style daily deals in select cities such as San Francisco, Boston and New York.



AP
This screenshot made Oct. 10, 2012, shows eBay’s redesigned website meant to encourage visitors to browse and collect items they might want to buy later with something it calls the “feed.”

Facebook reaches historic milestone: 1 billion users

SAN FRANCISCO—Facebook has hit the biggest milestone in the company’s eight-year history: 1 billion users.

Company founder and Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg made it official with a post on his Facebook Timeline on Thursday morning: The social networking giant has wired one-seventh of the world’s population.

“Helping a billion people connect is amazing, humbling and by far the thing I am most

proud of in my life,” Zuckerberg wrote.

Internally, Facebook employees followed the live countdown and quietly popped the champagne corks on Sept. 14 when the company hit 1 billion users. The achievement is particularly meaningful to Zuckerberg, who started the company in his Harvard dormitory room and has never been shy about his ambition of connecting everyone on the planet.

In June 2010, Zuckerberg

said it was “almost a guarantee” that Facebook would reach 1 billion users. As of the end of June 2012, the company reported it had more than 955 million monthly active users. In February, when it filed for its initial public stock offering, it said it had 845 million users. Facebook crossed over the 500-million user threshold in 2010. The hit film about Facebook, “The Social Network,” was promoted with the phrase: “You don’t get to

500 million friends without making a few enemies.” The statistic was out of date before the movie even opened.

Facebook held an on-campus hackathon Wednesday night to commemorate the milestone of 1 billion monthly active users. Facebook defines active users as people who have logged on to Facebook within the past 30 days. And getting users more engaged is one of the challenges the company faces. (Los Angeles Times)

Five steps to becoming un-LinkedIn

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: A few months ago I joined LinkedIn, the social website for business, but I’ve found it to be a gigantic pain. I would really like to unsubscribe, but I have not been able to find a way to do it. What would I have to do?—Linda Myers, Littleton, Colo.

ANSWER: LinkedIn apparently doesn’t want you to leave, because closing your account is a five-step process. But here’s how to get un-LinkedIn:

Sign in to your account. Put your cursor over your account name at the upper right side of the screen and click “settings.” On the resulting page, click “account” at the lower left side of the page. Under “helpful links,” choose “close your account.”

You’ll be taken to a page titled “close account reason.” Answer the question and click “continue.” You’ll then be asked to verify the account you want to close.

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Q: I found the free Malwarebytes security program, which you suggested, to be more helpful than the McAfee security software that came with my computer. But because the free version of Malwarebytes required me to run it manually, I decided to upgrade to the paid version, which runs all the time. Should I drop McAfee when my current year of service is up, or continue to run both programs?—Colin Campbell, Duluth, Minn.

A: You shouldn’t run both the paid version of Malwarebytes and the paid McAfee software. Because both programs run constantly, they may interfere with each other or increase your PC’s workload to the point that the computer slows down. You didn’t have this problem with the free version of Malwarebytes because it only ran when you manually clicked on it.

I suggest you uninstall McAfee and run just the paid version of Malwarebytes, along with the firewall that comes with Windows. Or, if you want to continue with McAfee until your subscription is up, use the free version of Malwarebytes during that time.

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Q: My free Gmail email account has been getting a huge amount of junk email re-

cently. I usually get 50 spam emails overnight, 10 to 15 an hour during the day. Is there a way to stop this?—Viktor Horvath, Miami

A: Every time you receive a spam email, check the box in front of it by clicking on it. Then, above the list of emails you’ll see an icon that looks like a tiny stop sign with an exclamation point on it. When you rest your cursor on the icon, you’ll see the message “report spam.” Click the icon once and the email you’ve checked will disappear from your inbox and be sent to Gmail’s spam filter, which will help block similar emails.

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Life & Style

Bieber is distant cousin of Gosling, Lavigne

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Call it the Canadian dynasty of teenybopper pop and movie stardom.

Genealogists at Ancestry.com say they've discovered teen idol Justin Bieber is a distant cousin of movie star Ryan Gosling and singer Avril Lavigne. Their family link dates back to some of Quebec's earliest settlers 400 years ago, the Utah-based company said Thursday.

As if Bieber didn't have enough superstar genes, Ancestry.com also said he's a distant

relative of singer Celine Dion.

"The great thing about family history is that you never know what you're going to find," said Michelle Ercanback, a researcher with Ancestry.com. "It was a very pleasant surprise."

Ercanback said researchers began tracing Bieber's family lineage about a year ago by paging through teen-idol magazines to find biographical tidbits from the pop star.

What they say they found was that Bieber and Gosling are 11th cousins once removed, and

Bieber and Lavigne are 12th cousins. They share common relatives Mathurin Roy and Marguerite Bire, the researchers said. Both were born in France in the early 1600s, married in 1637, and moved to Quebec, where Roy worked as a master mason.

The genealogists also said Bieber and Dion are 10th cousins three times removed because they're linked to French couple Jacques Vezina and Marie Bois-

don, who were born in the early 1600s. They moved to Quebec, where they died in 1687.

Ercanback said she didn't know if these celebrity links are "sufficient to point to the existence of a superstar gene."

In July, Ancestry.com announced they had found that President Barack Obama could be the descendent of an African slave, after an examination of his white mother's family history.

Bieber says items stolen during US show

SEATTLE (AP)—Justin Bieber says some of his belongings were stolen during a show in Washington state.

The pop star tweeted to his nearly 29 million followers that he and his tour manager were victimized during the show Tuesday night at the Tacoma Dome. He didn't lay out exactly what was stolen,

but referenced a computer and a camera. He said what bothers him the most is that he had a lot of "personal footage" on them.

He adds that "people should respect other's property."

A Tacoma police spokesman says officers are not investigating because no police report has been filed.

Lindsay Lohan and mom in reported dispute at NY home

MINEOLA, New York (AP)—Police were called to Lindsay Lohan's childhood home in suburban New York on Wednesday morning after a report of a fight between the troubled actress and her mother.

It was the third run-in involving the actress and New York police officers in the past several weeks.

Nassau County Police Insp. Kenneth Lack said officers were called around 8 a.m. Wednesday to the Merrick, Long Island, home where the 26-year-old starlet grew up. Her mother Dina lives in the home with some of her other children.

An investigation revealed "no criminality," according to Lack. Police did not release details on the subject of the argument.

Celebrity website TMZ says mother and daughter left a New York City nightclub at 4 a.m. and headed to Merrick, about, 40 minutes outside Manhattan. The website reported an argument that started in the car became physical when they got home, and police were called.

Lohan publicist Steve Honig declined to comment.

She was involved in a New York City police investigation about two weeks ago. She alleged a man had assaulted her in a New York hotel, but charges against

the man were later dropped.

In mid-September, she was accused of clipping a pedestrian with her car outside a nightclub and driving away. She was given a ticket and was scheduled to appear in court Oct. 23.

Lohan publicist Steve Honig said previously he expects those allegations to be proven false.

The actress was also involved in a car accident in California this summer that sent her and an assistant to a hospital, but didn't result in serious injuries for anyone. The accident remains under investigation.

In May, she was cleared of allegations that she struck a Hollywood nightclub manager with her car.

Lohan remains on informal probation for taking a necklace from a jewelry store without permission last year. That means she doesn't have to check in with a judge or probation officer but could face a jail term if arrested again.

Lohan recently filmed "The Canyons," an indie film written by "Less Than Zero" and "American Psycho" author Bret Easton Ellis.

Dina Lohan made tabloid headlines of her own last month when she appeared on the "Dr. Phil" television show and appeared incoherent at times.

Woman feels guilt over two families she helped shatter

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: Two men have left their wives for me. The relationship I had with the first one ended very badly (his choice). The second started shortly thereafter, and I am still with him.

When the first man found out, he tried to resume seeing me and became verbally abusive and harassed me when I wouldn't. He hasn't returned to his wife and has tried twice to commit suicide.

Both of these men are now divorced, and their ex-wives and children are understandably bitter. Even though they made the decision to leave without me asking them to—or even being aware that they were going to—I feel guilty having a hand in ending two marriages.

I'm sure the last thing either the wives or the children would want from me is an apology or any contact at all. What else can I do to come to terms with and accept what happened?

THE OTHER WOMAN

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: You appear to be carrying a large burden of guilt. And that's a GOOD thing. There is nothing you can do to make amends to the families you have helped ruin because you can't change the past. All you can do is vow that in the future you won't fool around with any more married men. And then STICK to it.

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DEAR ABBY: When I was 9, my mother knitted me a small blanket, about the size of a baby's. I lost her to cancer a year later, when I was 10. Since then, I have carried it with me everywhere.

I am 26 now and married. I still have the blanket and carry it with me in my purse. Recently, I mentioned it to my husband and some friends. They were not supportive like I thought they would be. They made fun of me and called me "immature."

I got defensive and told them it was a reminder of my mother. My husband said I should keep a picture of her instead and throw the blanket away.

Abby, now I feel insecure and childish. Is a security blanket normal for someone my age, or should I just listen to my friends?

MRS. LINUS IN TEXAS

DEAR MRS. LINUS: Your question is not as unusual as you may think. It has appeared in my column before.

Considering the story behind the blanket, I understand why you are so attached to it. Lack of maturity has nothing to do with this. The connection to the mother you lost at such a tender age has everything to do with it.

Your husband and friends appear to have hides of "pure Corinthian leather." Do whatever makes you comfortable and do not apologize for it.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law goes through my mail and any items on my desk at home. She used to do it in secret and would stop when she got caught. Now she does it in front of me, but never when my husband is around.

I don't care why she's doing it; I just want her to stop. How do I relay that to her without offending her?

FRUSTRATED SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Because you can't bring yourself to tell your mother-in-law plainly that what she's doing is rude and nosy, when you know she's coming over, put your papers out of sight.

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Dear Abby



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This Sept. 30, 2012 file photo shows Justin Bieber performing at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Debbie Reynolds hospitalized, cancels shows

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A publicist says Debbie Reynolds has been hospitalized and is canceling upcoming appearances after suffering an adverse reaction to medication.

Reynolds' publicist Kevin Sasaki says the singer-actress was hospitalized in Los Angeles after having the bad reaction. She is canceling shows and appearances through the end of the year.

Reynolds is famous for her role in "Singin' in the Rain" and

earned an Oscar nomination for her gutsy character in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

The 80-year-old performs numerous shows and makes appearances each year. She is scheduled to appear on a float promoting pet adoption in the upcoming Rose Parade.

Last year, Reynolds sold her collection of film memorabilia, including dresses worn by Marilyn Monroe

and Audrey Hepburn, for nearly \$23 million.



Reynolds

Alice Cooper kicks off US rock academy

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (AP)—To all the girls and boys, makin' all that noise: Alice Cooper has found you some new toys.

The heavy metal icon was in South Dakota on Wednesday helping launch a 6,000-square-foot (557-square meter) rock 'n' roll academy in Sioux Falls that'll be exclusively open to local Boys & Girls Club members.

Cooper opened his long-dreamed Rock Teen Center in

Phoenix last week, and he says he wanted to help his friend Chuck Brennan offer a similar opportunity in Brennan's hometown.

Brennan, who founded Dollar Loan Center, says the center will teach students how to sing or play guitar, bass, keyboards or drums.

Cooper says the best way to get teenagers off the street is to give them a guitar, teach them how to play and get them into a band.

Ibanez homers twice, Yanks sting O's in 12th



NEW YORK
(AP)—The

highest-paid player in baseball could only sit and watch when Raul Ibanez pinch hit for him and tied the game with a bottom-of-the-ninth home run.

Alex Rodriguez had another good view from the dugout three innings later when Ibanez homered to win it.

Saved by manager Joe Girardi's gutsy move—and Ibanez's big swings—the New York Yankees rallied for a stunning 3-2 win in the 12th over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night for a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five AL division series.

"You're going to be asked a lot of questions if it doesn't work," Girardi said.

The slumping Rodriguez, among the greatest power hitters in history, offered no complaint, telling Girardi: "Joe, you gotta do exactly what you gotta do."

"Maybe 10 years ago I would have reacted in a much different way," A-Rod said.

Ibanez then stepped up and hit a tying, solo shot to right-center with one out in the ninth off major league saves leader Jim Johnson to make it 2-all.



New York Yankees' Raul Ibanez hits a solo home run in the 12th inning in Game 3 of the American League division baseball series against the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in New York. The Baltimore catcher is Matt Wieters and the umpire is Brian Gorman. The Yankees won, 3-2.

Carpenter pitches Cards past Nats for 2-1 lead

WASHINGTON (AP)—Set aside the high-pressure task of postseason pitching that Chris Carpenter routinely masters for the St. Louis Cardinals and think about this:

Even the take-it-for-granted act of breathing feels odd on occasion now that he's missing a rib and two neck muscles.

Taking the mound for only the fourth time in 2012 after complicated surgery to cure numbness on his right side, the 37-year-old Carpenter spoiled the return of postseason baseball to Washington by throw-

ing scoreless ball into the sixth inning, and the defending champion Cardinals beat the Nationals 8-0 Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead in their NL division series.

"To go from not being able to compete, and not only compete but help your team, to be able to be in this situation," Carpenter said, "it's pretty cool."

Rookie Pete Kozma delivered a three-run homer, and a trio of relievers finished the shutout for the Cardinals, who can end the best-of-five series in Thursday's Game 4 at

Washington. Kyle Lohse will start for St. Louis. Ross Detwiler pitches for Washington, which is sticking to its long-stated plan of keeping Stephen Strasburg on the sideline the rest of the way.

"We're not out of this, by a long shot," Nationals manager Davey Johnson said. "Shoot, I've had my back to worse walls than this."

With the exception of Ian Desmond—3 for 4 on Wednesday, 7 for 12 in the series—the Nationals' hitters are struggling mightily. They've scored a to-

tal of seven runs in the playoffs and went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position and left 11 men on base in Game 3.

Rookie phenom Bryce Harper's woes, in particular, stand out: He went 0 for 5, dropping to 1 for 15. He went to the plate with an ash bat and no gloves in the first inning, tried wearing anti-glare tinted contact lenses on a sun-splashed afternoon—nothing helped.

"Nothing I can do," the 19-year-old Harper said. "I just missed a couple."

Yankees fans had been howling this week for Girardi to drop Rodriguez out of the No. 3 spot in the batting order. But Girardi was reluctant to move his fading slugger down in the lineup.

Until he took him all the way out.

"You have to make some decisions sometimes that are tough decisions. I just had a gut feeling," Girardi said.

Rodriguez has 647 career home runs—he's chasing the all-time record of 762 by Barry Bonds—and is making \$29 million this year. But was just 1 for 12 with no RBIs and seven strikeouts in this series when Girardi

A's rally past Tigers to force Game 5

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Seth Smith, Coco Crisp and the never-say-die Oakland Athletics forced a Game 5 of their AL division series against the Detroit Tigers with their most memorable comeback yet.

Smith hit a game-tying two-run double off closer Jose Valverde in the ninth inning and Coco Crisp capped Oakland's most dramatic comeback yet with a two-out RBI single as the A's staved off elimination for a second straight night with a 4-3 victory in Game 4 Wednesday night.

"There's a confidence," manager Bob Melvin said. "We've done it so many times so there's always going to be that confidence until we make that last out."

The A's rode 14 walkoff wins in the regular season to an improbable AL West title. Those paled in comparison to No. 15, which set up a win-or-go-home Game 5 against Justin Verlander and the Tigers.

Josh Reddick started the rally with a single just under the glove of diving second baseman Omar Infante. Josh Donaldson followed with a double off the wall in left-center and both runners scored on Smith's double. Two outs later, Crisp lined a single and Smith scored easily when right fielder Avisail Garcia couldn't handle the ball.

"It's amazing," Crisp said. "The guys in front of me did a fantastic job getting on base."

That set off a raucous celebration near first base as the

A's poured out of the dugout to mob Crisp, who was the recipient of a whipped cream pie that became a regular occurrence in this remarkable season in Oakland. This marked the second time the A's erased a two-run deficit in the ninth inning to win a postseason game, the other coming in Game 5 of the 1929 World Series.

The A's, who have the lowest payroll in baseball, need just one more surprising result to win their second postseason series since 1990. Rookie Jarrod Parker will take the mound in Game 5 on Thursday night against Verlander, the reigning AL Cy Young winner and MVP.

"That's why this is the greatest game of all," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Lincecum, Giants tie NLDS

CINCINNATI (AP)—Angel Pagan connects on the second pitch of the game. A Giants team that finished last in homers goes on to hit three. Tim Lincecum pitches like a two-time Cy Young winner—this time, out of the bullpen.

So many unusual things moved San Francisco to the verge of an unprecedented comeback.

Pagan hit the first leadoff homer in Giants postseason history, and Gregor Blanco and Pablo Sandoval connected later for an 8-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday that evened their NL division series at 2-all.

No team has recovered from a 2-0 deficit in a best-of-five series by winning three on the road, according to STATS LLC.

This one can do it with a victory on Thursday at Great American Ball Park.

"Thanks to the win today, there will be a tomorrow," Pagan said. "And we are ready for that."

Matt Cain, who lost the series opener and has yet to beat the Reds in three tries this season, will start Game 5 against Mat Latos.

Facing elimination, the Giants' slumping hitters came out swinging and extended Cincinnati's playoff misery. The Reds haven't won a postseason game at home in 17 years.

One thing in the Reds' favor—they haven't dropped three straight at home all season.

"I'd like to think that we still have the advantage," Reds outfielder Jay Bruce said. "We're at home. I expect Mat to come

pulled him.

"It kind of caught me off-guard, hitting for a guy who's half-a-billionaire," Orioles center fielder Adam Jones said.

It was the first time Rodriguez had ever been pinch-hit for in a postseason game, according to STATS LLC.

And it worked.

Rodriguez immediately turned to injured Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, raised one arm, then both arms and traded high-fives with his star teammate. When Ibanez returned to the bench, Rodriguez was the first player to greet him.

"He said great job. A-Rod is a great teammate and great team player," Ibanez said. "He's the first one on the top step congratulating you. It's about winning. It's about the Yankees and continuing."

Ibanez remained in the game and connected on the first pitch from Brian Matusz in the 12th.

Ibanez became the first player to homer twice in a postseason game in which he didn't start, STATS said.

Phil Hughes will try to clinch it for the Yankees on Thursday night in Game 4. Joe Saunders will start for Baltimore.

Baltimore had won 16 straight extra-inning games, and had been 76-0 when leading after seven, before the Yankees stung them.

"It was a great experience. We do it as a team. We stay after it," Ibanez said. "I'm blessed to come up and have the opportunity like that. We do it together. It's about a team and about winning."

The brash, young Orioles appeared poised to move within a win of their first trip to the AL championship series since 1997 before the Yankees' comeback.

Ibanez hit a 1-0 pitch into the seats in the ninth, setting off a raucous celebration in what had been a demoralized Yankee Stadium crowd.

up with a big game. I'm looking forward to it."

So are the Giants, who were down after losing the first two games at home while getting outscored 14-2. They were barely able to get a hit, let alone a win.

The pressure pulled them closer. Hunter Pence gathered them for inspirational speeches before the two games in Cincinnati, challenging them to play like champions.

"We feel good," NL batting champion Buster Posey said. "When you're down 0-2 you see what you're made of. We're not done."

It wasn't all about the offense. San Francisco's overlooked Cy Young winner played a starring role, too.

Lincecum was relegated to the bullpen for the playoff series because of his dreary season—15 losses, 17 wild pitches.

McGrady leaves NBA, joins Chinese team



Tracy McGrady is headed for China to play for the Qingdao DoubleStar Eagles in the Chinese Basketball Association.



BEIJING (AP)—Seven-time NBA All-Star Tracy McGrady says he is headed for China to play for the Qingdao DoubleStar Eagles in the Chinese Basketball Association.

The 33-year-old McGrady will be the highest-profile player in the CBA. Because he played with Chinese basketball star Yao Ming during their days with the Houston Rockets, he is well known in China and his contract has been the top news in China's major sports news sites.

A woman who answered the phone Wednesday at the basket-

ball club said she had no information. McGrady's announcement on his website Tuesday did not give terms for the one-year contract. Chinese media reports say the contract is worth at least \$1 million.

McGrady said he is excited to play for the Eagles in eastern China and that "it will be an honor" to play for the Chinese people.

He played for the Atlanta Hawks last season, but failed to secure an NBA contract for the upcoming season and was considering retirement when he was approached by the manage-

ment of Qingdao. McGrady is the latest NBA player to seek a new chapter in China. Stephon Marbury led the Beijing Ducks to the CBA championship in the 2011-2012 season.

"There are times in life that a new road presents itself and it appears this time has come for me now," McGrady wrote on his Website.

He thanks the "many profound people who inspired me along my way," from the executives who "believed in me," including Isiah Thomas, who drafted him while running the Toronto Raptors; Orlando

Magic owner Rich DeVos and then-general manager John Gabriel, who made him their centerpiece in the summer of 2000 and watched him blossom into one of the most devastating scorers on the planet; and Houston Rockets owner Leslie Alexander, who gave McGrady's career new life when he imported him to play alongside Yao in an inside-out tandem that, due to injuries, regrettably never really materialized the way we'd all hoped.

Qingdao ranked the eighth in the 17-team CBA in the last season.

26 testify against Armstrong in doping case

NEW YORK (AP)—Lance Armstrong said he wanted to see the names of his accusers. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency gave him 26, including 11 former teammates.

The world's most famous cyclist said he wanted to see the hard evidence that he was a doper. The agency gave him that, too: About 200 pages filled with vivid details—from the hotel rooms riders transformed into makeshift blood-transfusion centers to the way Arm-

strong's former wife rolled cortisone pills into foil and handed them out to all the cyclists.

In all, a USADA report released Wednesday gives the most detailed, unflinching portrayal yet of Armstrong as a man who, day after day, week after week, year after year, spared no expense—financially, emotionally or physically—to win the seven Tour de France titles that the anti-doping agency has ordered taken away.

It presents as matter-of-fact reality that winning and doping

went hand-in-hand in cycling and that Armstrong was the focal point of a big operation, running teams that were the best at getting it done without getting caught. Armstrong won the Tour as leader of the U.S. Postal Service team from 1999-2004 and again in 2005 with the Discovery Channel as the primary sponsor.

USADA said the path Armstrong chose to pursue his goals "ran far outside the rules."

It accuses him of depending on performance-enhancing

drugs to fuel his victories and "more ruthlessly, to expect and to require that his teammates" do the same. Among the 11 former teammates who testified against Armstrong are George Hincapie, Tyler Hamilton and Floyd Landis.

USADA Chief Executive Travis Tygart said the cyclists were part of "the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

Armstrong did not fight the USADA charges, but insists he never cheated.

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Try Luck extends lead in SEDA league

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Jonny's Bar & Grill's Try Luck, Oceanside Bar & Grill's Mafia, Triple Threat are still on top of Saipan Electronic Dart Association's 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Open Dart League.

Try Luck pummeled Joe's Steakhouse's Daffodils (43-122), 13-2, at home on Monday to improve to a 130-35 record and stretch its lead in the Ladies



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Try Luck, pictured in this recent file photo, extended its lead in SEDA's Ladies division after a lopsided 13-2 home victory over Joe's Steakhouse's Daffodils last Monday at Jonny's Bar & Grill.

ENRICO

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breathe football.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: It is an exciting game and requires lots of teamwork rather than just individual skills. It also gives you opportunity to travel to different places.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

A: I was part of the CNMI U15 National Team that made history for winning its first international tournament. I was a starter when we played against Macau in Taipei for the EAFF

U15 Youth Tournament. I was really sick when I was in the locker room, I was so close to not playing, but that game was really important so I played and our defense held Macau to just one goal and gave the CNMI the historic 2-1 win.

This year I made it on the CNMI Men's National Team that competed in the EAFF East Asian Cup Qualifier RD1 in Guam. I had the best experience in my football career because I had the chanced to be coached by an "S" licensed and a former Bundesliga coach (Coach Suzuki). I played in both games against the national teams of Guam

and Macau and the tournament was a high level competition and very physical and I enjoyed it so much.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: Continue to play, train every day, work harder, and always do your best.

"Enrico is a very hard working player. He makes sure he will make those extra time to work on his weak points and make it his strong points. He always emphasized to the squad the importance of teamwork and making everyone involve in the game. He stands as our

general during the games and makes sure that the game plan will be implemented. Just like his partner in the center defender position (Kennedy Izuka), he will make sure that the attacking forwards of the other squad will not infiltrate the sacred box. He shares some jokes to make everyone feel comfortable, especially during big games".— Enrico's coach Norman Del Rosario.

"He has good potential. He is aggressive on defense and has a lot of techniques and speed." — U15 CNMI National Guest Coach Akira Yamanaka of Ehime Japan FC

MATANSA

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and will have an acid test tomorrow when it duels spring champion Shirley's FC (1-1-1 win-draw-loss record).

Matansa and Tan Holdings played in the final game last weekend and with intermittent rain falling at the soggy Hopwood pitch, both teams struggled on offense in the first half. The drought continued early in the second half before Aldrich found the back of the net in the 61st minute.

Paire 3, MP United 0

In the other girls U15 game, Guinevere Borja made a hat-trick to power Paire FC to a shutout win over MP United.

Borja got her first goal in the 31st minute to give Paire a 1-0 halftime lead and then made it a 2-0 count when she scored anew right into the first minute

of the second half. The Paire striker then completed the hat-trick with a goal, two minutes before the game ended.

Paire wrapped up the first round with a 2-0-2 record for second place behind Matansa, while MP United (1-1-1) dropped to a tie for third with Shirley's FC.

BOYS U15 MP United 7, Paire 0

MP United is still undefeated in three games after a 7-0 rout of Paire in the first game last Friday at Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Daniel Lim, Ryota Ito, and John Taisacan teamed up in MP United's domination of Paire as they gained two goals each. Scott Kim logged the other goal.

Lim opened MP United's scoring with a goal in the 2nd minute, while Taisacan hit back-to-back goals (5th and 24th minute), and Ito broke into the scoreboard one minute before the first-half buzzer sounded for

their 4-0 halftime edge.

MP United's offense slowed down in the first few minutes of the second half, but the team regained its bearing, making its last three goals in a span of seven minutes. Kim earned his first goal in the 61st, Ito got his second one in the 62nd and Lim made the last in the 68th minute.

Matansa 9, Tan Holdings 2

Also notching an easy win was Matansa, which walloped Tan Holdings FC in the second game.

Matansa (2-1-0) had the victory in the bag as early as the first half when it led, 4-0. Matansa got a break in the opening half, as it was credited a goal off Tan Holdings' error and then Ryu Tanzawa scored back-to-back goals. Sean Perez gave Matansa its fourth goal in the first half and he drilled two more in the second. Yoshi Mafnas, Tanzawa, and Evan Belcher also lit up the scoreboard for Matansa in

the second half.

Tan Holdings' (0-0-2) two goals came in the second frame, too, with Jeff Chan ending their drought and his team getting its second goal off a Matansa miscue.

BOYS U18 Paire 2, MP United-2 1

Timothy Tawanpiy converted the go-ahead goal one minute before the game wrapped up to lift Paire to a close win.

With the victory, Paire remains unbeaten in three games, while MPU-2 fell to a 1-1-1 slate.

Raphael Zapanta scored the first goal in the game in the 22nd minute, giving Paire a 1-0 advantage before MPU's Jehn Joyner made the equalizer one minute before the first half ended.

Meanwhile, MP United-1 (1-0-2) broke into the win column after getting a victory via forfeiture over Matansa (0-0-3).

Ol'Aces (2-2), LD Prime (2-4), and Kagman (1-3).

Sonics 103 — Salem 21, Cadiang 14, Alegre 10, De Guzman 10, Tudela 9, Aranda 8, Sula 8, Villanueva 8, Del Rosario 6, Caro 4, Mariano 4.

Agape Torchbearers 17 — Chan 7, Li 5, Chen 2, Gou 2, Ai.

Scoring by quarters: 32-4, 50-4, 68-8, 103-17.

division to 21.

Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Momes'I Mei (109-56) resides way back in second place and held off third-ranked Es'y Kitchen's B-52 Shooters (95-70), 8-7, on the road. In other results, Joe's Just Like Dat (76-89) defeated SOS Restaurant & Bar's Wonder Women (69-96), 9-6, on its home turf and Oceanside's G-Side Shooters (66-99) stood up Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Man-Amigas (72-93), 9-6, also at home.

Notables remain a 160-high in by Momes'I Mei's Frances Magofna and a 152-high out by her teammate, Sally Aguon.

In the A Division, Mafia routed Sands Bar's Juvy Predators (71-82), 12-5, at home to strengthen its record to 98-55 and maintain the 12-game cushion in the group.

SOS's Outlawz (86-67) also imposed a 12-5 home victory over Bammy's Sabalu Boys (74-96) to maintain the second position, while Oceanside's Bud Brothers (91-79) moved up

to third place after a 13-4 road victory over SOS's Mixblood Shooters (76-94).

Notably, SOS-caboose team, 101 Proofers (65-88), was on a bye this week, and a 160-high in and 131-high out by the former's mainstay, Rolly Bermiso, remains atop the leaderboard.

In the Tuesday B, Triple Threat went into Naked Fish and silenced the second-ranked IT&E Na'Gupu II (107-58), 10-5, to keep its reign and take a baker's dozen lead with its 120-45 slate.

In other results, VFW Post 3457's Delubyo (97-68) absorbed a 7-8 upset on the road to Oceanside's Good Guys (78-87); fourth place SOS's Dartaholiks (86-79) squeaked past The Waterfront's K-1 Scorpions (58-107), 8-7, at home; and SOS's Seabridge 80 Proofers (67-83) were awarded a forfeit victory over Oceanside's Wreckless Precision (32-118).

Notables remain a 150-high in by K-1 Scorpions' Anson Jones and a 123-high out by Good Guys' Dexter Brennan.

CHLOE

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and my siblings decided to join a football club.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: Playing football is amazing. You need teamwork in order to win or protect your goal. I like playing football because it is fun and enjoyable and after each game, you learn an important lesson

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

A: I made it to the national youth team (U13). It is an amazing feeling that I was chosen to represent our island. We all tried our best during the competition and no one gave up. We all contributed to the team, showed teamwork, and learned a lot of lessons.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

community?

A: Never give up, never lose hope, and always try your best. Cooperate with your team always and remember to have fun. Enjoy playing soccer!

"Chloe's performance every game is excellent. She plays midfield and she covers most of the field. She works really, really hard. She has improved a lot after she got selected to the U13 National Team. Her bond with her teammates improved a lot. She learned to develop teamwork and camaraderie among her teammates. Now she takes every game seriously, unlike before when she was just standing and laughing. Above all, she plays graciously and have fun. Chloe and her teammates at the Tan Holdings girls U15 team are always encouraged to practice fair play.—Chloe's coach Christy Villaflor.

LADY

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third quarter with 10 markers.

Kagman hung around for half of the third quarter, but appeared in disarray late in the game. Ada and Kaipat tried to carry the Lady Ayuyus to a comeback apparent at the start of the final period, but in the end, they could not get enough shots to fall in the clutch.

Mt. Carmel's offense also cooled off in the fourth, but the Lady Knights benefited from more misfires from Kagman and managed to sit on the driver's seat until the final buzzer.

Lebria and Kautz combined for 41 points for Mt. Carmel, while Ada scrambled for a team-high 14 in the shortcoming.

The season continues today at 4:30pm with a junior varsity game between MHS and Kagman. The two schools' varsity squads will then take the floor in the second game.

MCS 53 — Lebria 21, M. Kautz 20, Taylor 6, R. Kautz 3, Che 3.

KHS 45 — Ada 14, Dela Cruz 11, Pelep 10, J Santos 6, Halstead 2, Mettao 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-8, 29-26, 47-35, 53-45.

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Agape was limited to just four points in the third quarter before it managed to surpass its total output from the first three quarters in the last frame. However, in reality, Agape really got a healthy dose of the Sonics' full court press.

The Sonics forced a multi-

tude of turnovers from the backcourt and dominated their opponents in all facets. Agape was visibly outclassed, but they took the whooping in stride, as they learned some things after gaining some firsthand experience against one of Saipan's most organized quality teams.

Nevin Salem led three other teammates in double figures with his 21 points. Melvin Ca-

diang chipped in 14, and Bryl Alegre and Jaymark De Guzman added 10 apiece.

Meanwhile, Hi-5 (1-3) took on the Chalan Kanoa Saints (2-2) yesterday, and today's U20 game will have the CK Saints meeting the undefeated Rollers 2 (5-0) at 5:30pm

The remaining standings include Mariana Resort's Proa (3-1), Rollers 1 (2-1), Oleai

Shirley's Badminton Classic winners feted



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The Top 3 winners in the men's and women's singles and doubles divisions of the 2012 Shirley's Badminton Classic pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The Northern Marianas Badminton Association handed awards and prizes to the winners of the 2012 Shirley's Badminton Classic last week in a brief ceremony at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo.

The Top 3 finishers in the men's and women's singles and doubles were given medals and cash prizes and several players made it to the podium multiple times to get their rewards.

Andreau Galvez took two gold medals as he won both the men's A singles and doubles. He teamed up with Hapi Gabriel in winning the gold medal in the doubles. Sam Jones and Glenn Bulltjens settled for the silver, while Macoi Aguda and Ferdie Arago saved bronze.

Arago got his second medal—a silver—in the men's A singles, while Aguda claimed the bronze in the category.

In Class B, Jexler Caranto swept the gold medals. He topped the doubles event with Joel Ortega. Wowie Abuel and John Revilla and Oh In Bog and Jayalal Rajapakshe went home with the silver and bronze, respectively. In the singles, Oh clinched the silver, while Abuel notched the bronze.

Duplicating Caranto and Galvez's feats in the men's

Class C was Ramir Belialba, who gained the gold medal in the doubles through the help of Rommel Bartolome. The Class C doubles champions defeated Jordan Pangilinan and Celso Agui, while Son Sung Hun and Kim Young Sik took the bronze. In the singles, Belialba downed Joel Ortega in the finals to take the gold

medal, while Brandon Talania won the bronze medal.

In the women's division, Hannai Choi and Jen Savellano also grabbed two gold medals.

Choi was awarded the gold in the Class A singles, while Angie Ito and Malou Malasarte were given the silver and bronze, respectively. Malasarte then got the gold in doubles when she

teamed up with Choi in defeating mother and daughter Loida and Angie Ito. Marlene Peraja and Lani Bartolome walked away with the bronze.

In Class B, Savellano partnered with Alma Ortega in winning the gold medal in the doubles and then stunned Toshiko Obata to wrestle the gold in the singles event. Marylyn

Montano clinched the bronze to add to her silver (with Cheng Saturno) in the doubles. Obata and Windy Fernandez got the bronze in the doubles.

In the Class C singles, Janelle Pangilinan was handed the gold after prevailing over Julie Lee, while Ortega settled for the bronze. Ortega earned her second gold medal in doubles,

teaming up with Diane Francisco in beating Lee and Pangilinan. Arlene Naguit and Jane Tupaz won the bronze.

Meanwhile, the organizing Northern Marianas Badminton Association thanked all the volunteers and sponsor Shirley's Coffee Shop for making the annual singles and doubles competition possible.

Hi-Five, Pit Bulls ease past foes

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Hi-Five and SA Pit Bulls cruised to victories against separate opponents in the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI's 2012 Recreational Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Gymnasium.

Hi-Five defeated Konflikt in the 35A match, 94-77, while the Pit Bulls crushed Marianas Water, 80-60, in their 40A pairing.

Konflikt actually led it early, as the combined 11 points of Jun Alipio and Junar Guiab powered their team to a 25-20 lead after the opening 10 minutes. Then it remained a back and forth match through the first half, as Hi-Five grinded out a slim 47-46 margin at intermission.

Hi-Five connected with a couple of three-points, one from

Edgar Pangelinan, who finished the half with 7 points, a welcome support to Banjo Basila and Tim Wesley, who teamed up for 11.

Hi-Five then shifted into overdrive after the break and motored ahead, 74-65, in the third quarter off the coattails of Basila's 10 points and a pair of treys from John Acosta. Hi-5 had plenty left in the tank down the homestretch, as it signed off with a 20-point burst led by Roy Matagolai.

Konflikt threw everything at Hi-Five, as nine players contributed on the offensive end. Guaib and Tabora combined for 33, but still fell short of Basila and Ponce Rasa's 44-point production.

In the 40A match, the Pit Bulls sunk their teeth into a 20-14 advantage after the first quarter with a well balanced attack and vamped up a big push in the second quarter be-

hind Bobby Geli.

Geli tallied 8 markers in the surge and was not even close to finish. The Pit Bulls were seated comfortably in the driver's seat at midpoint, 38-24, when Geli remained at the helm in the third period, adding 7 more points, which teammate Mike Surima matched.

By the start of the fourth quarter, the Pit Bulls led it, 60-45, and much like what occurred in the prior two frames, Marianas Water was never able to posture a comeback.

Geli finished with a game-high 27 points.

Meanwhile, action in the Master caging resumes today with a 35A double feature, starting with IT&E versus High-Five, followed by QQ Rent A Car against Konflikt.

Then this Sunday, 40A's 8th Division takes on Armatech at 9am; 40A's Island Apparel squares off with the SA Pit Bulls at 11am; 45A's group led by Boy Garcia collides with Er-



ika's Catering; and 50A's LBT meets Joe Pangelinan's group.

35A Division

Hi-Five 94 – Basila 24, Rasa 20, Wesley 14, E. Pangelinan 14, Matagolai 11, Acosta 9, Aaron 3.

Konflikt 77 – Guiab 17, Tabora 16, Alipio 12, Fernandez 10, Esdreton 8, Yalung 5, Alvarez 4, Trajano 3, Patawaran 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-25, 47-46, 74-65, 94-77.

40A Division

SA Pit Bulls 80 – Geli 27, Surima 13, D. Tabora 12, Detera 8, Malicdem 4, Zapata 4, Barrozo 4, Aguilar 4, Ramos 2, Guinto 2.

Marianas Water 60 – Samson 16, Olivos 13, Anasan 10, Pacheco 9, Culala 8, Torres 7, Morales 3, Salvosa 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 38-24, 60-45, 80-68.

Hi-Five's Ponce Rasa, seen here pulling up for a jumper, scored 20 points in their 94-77 win over Konflikt in the 35A Masters recreational caging last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Gymnasium.

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SBA October roll-offs start Sunday



The Saipan Bowling Association will be holding its October roll-offs at the Capital Bowling Center in Garapan this Sunday and on Monday.

Three monthly titles will be up for grabs in the Oct. 14 and 15 competition.

In the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes, male and female adult keggers will fight for the Octobers plums for two

days. Sunday's roll-off will begin at 4pm, while Monday's will start at 6pm. Bowlers are allowed to compete on either days or both, but only the higher score will be counted.

Entry fee is \$15 and only the first 48 bowlers to register will be able to compete. Cash prizes for the King of the Lanes will depend on the number of entries, while the Queen of the Lanes will only give cash prizes provided at least 10 female keg-

gers will join the tournament.

In the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes, the competition will take place only on Sunday. Entry fee is only \$10 and youth bowler must also pay the \$10 membership fee to qualify for the monthly tournaments. Membership fee for adults is \$15.

To register, please contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288-5627 or via email at zapanta@pticom.com. (PR)

SLLB general meeting, election tomorrow



The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its annual general membership meeting tomorrow.

The meeting will be held at the pavilion outside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and will start at 9am. Officers of the 2012-2013 SLLBI Board will also be elected at the general membership

meeting and representatives of teams that competed in last year's league and other interested individuals like coaches, managers, and parents are asked to attend the meeting and election.

The current SLLB board is composed of acting president Ray Yumul, secretary Pid-ing Tenorio, treasurer Roman Reyes, umpire consultant James Miwata, safety officer Robert

Magofna, managers representative Yvonne Tarope, players agent Annie Flores, and chief statistician Remy Celis.

Meanwhile, after the meeting SLLBI will hand the trophies to the champions in the Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions.

For more information, contact Tenorio at 285-1024 or Flores at 285-1219. (PR)



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Streaking Sonics crush Torchbearers



The Sonics' Melvin Cadiang forces a shot over an Agape Torchbearers defender during their U20 division game in the Rotary caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.
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The defending champions Sonics lit up the grasshopper-green Agape Torchbearers, 103-17, during their U20 division game in the 2012 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The win improved Sonics' flawless run to five, while Agape is dreading an even bigger streak of six straight losses.

The Sonics shot out of a cannon at the tip and whistled in front after the first quarter, 32-4. They then shut out the Torchbearers in the second period and pulled even further way at the half, 50-4.

It was a free-for-all for the reigning champions from the start and the Sonics piled on another 18-point chunk in the third quarter for a lopsided tally, 68-8, heading into the final period.

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Lady Knights upend Lady Ayuyus

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The Mount Carmel School's Lady Knights marched past the Lady Ayuyus of Kagman High School, 53-45, during the varsity division game in the 2012-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The tardy Lady Knights recovered with a nice win after giving up a forfeiture to the defending champions MHS Lady Dolphins (1-0) on opening day, while KHS remains winless after two tries.



The MCS Lady Knights' Kaylani Lebria, third left, gets tangled under the basket with KHS Lady Ayuyus' Berni Dela Cruz, fourth left, as the former's teammate, Amy Taylor, pulls up for a shot during their game in the MISO girls varsity caging last Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.
WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Mt. Carmel's Kaylani Lebria and Michelle Kautz both banged in three baskets apiece in the opening canto to give the Lady Knights an early 13-8 favor.

Kagman did not go away, however, as the second quarter turned into a shootout and Mt. Carmel's lead was down to one possession, 29-26. Anna Ada, Janet Kaipat, and Tracy Pelep provided the bulk of the Lady Ayuyus' production in the first two frames to keep the Lady Knights within striking distance.

Kautz then caught fire after the break and drained a pair of three-pointers that afforded her Knights some much needed separation, 47-35, heading into crunch time. She finished the
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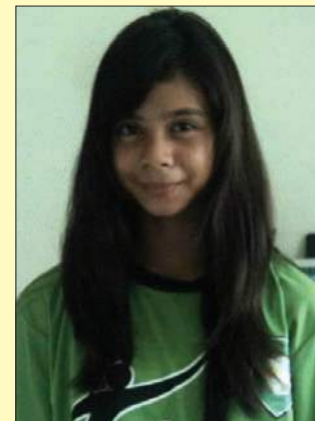
NMIFA YOUTH PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Name: **Enrico Del Rosario**
Age Group: **U18**
Team: **MP United FC**
Position: **Defender**
Jersey No.: **#7**
Years of Playing Experience: **8 years**
Village: **As Lito**
School: **Saipan Southern High School**
Grade: **10**
Favorite Player or Team: **Vinnie Jones/FC Barcelona**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: When I was 8 years old, I saw some of the older guys in my school playing and they asked if I wanted to play with them. After I played with them I started to like it and played more and now I
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Name: **Chloe Hazel Anne Salvosa**
Age Group: **U15**
Team: **Tan Holdings FC**
Position: **Defensive Midfield**
Jersey No.: **#8**
Years of Playing Experience: **1 year**
Village: **Chalan Kanoa**
School: **Hopwood Junior High School**
Grade: **7**
Favorite Player or Team: **David Beckham**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: It all started in elementary where I used to join all the sports, including soccer. I really enjoyed soccer and had a lot of fun playing the sport. It became my top favorite sport because I'm good at it. Soon, I
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Matansa stays perfect in fall league



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Matansa (yellow uniforms) and Tan Holdings players chase the ball down the sideline during their U15 game in the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Matansa FC is a win away from sweeping the first round of the girls U15 division contest in the 2012 NMIFA

Youth Fall League after outclassing Tan Holdings FC, 1-0, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Maile Aldrich made the lone goal for Matansa, which improved to a perfect 3-0 record
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